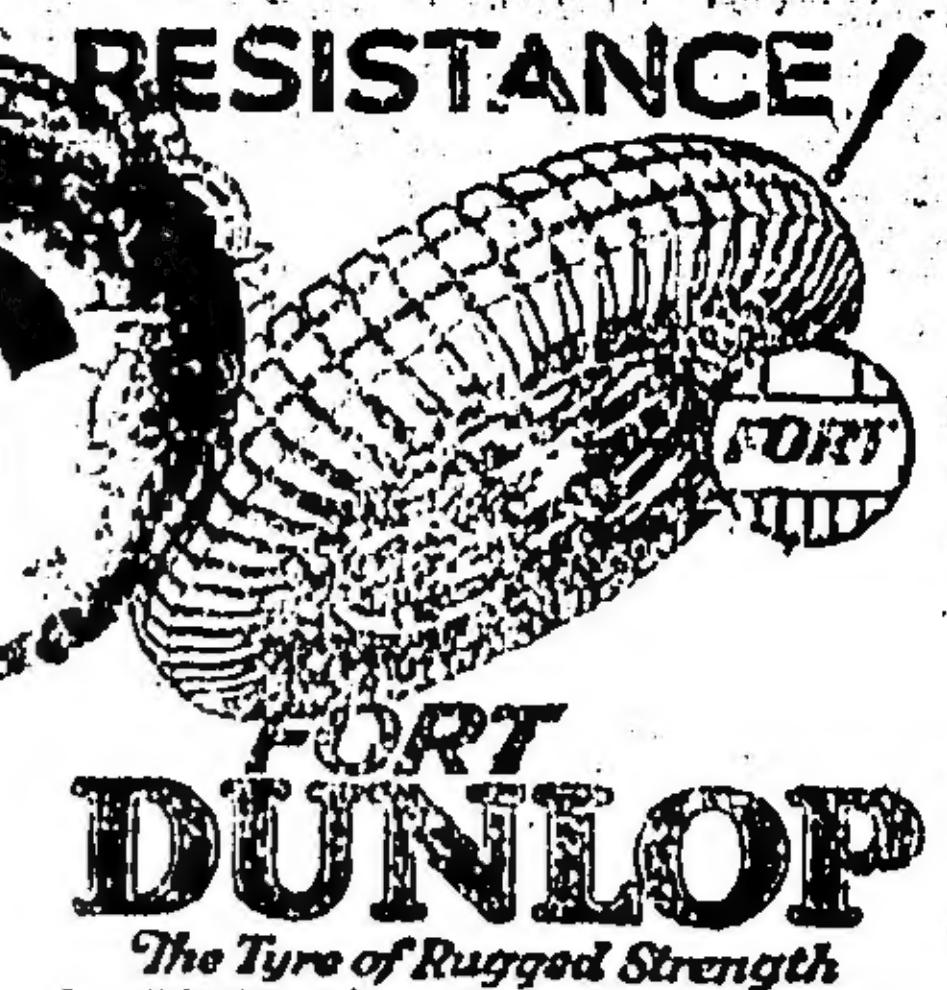


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LEGAL BATTLE OF LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM.

STORMY MEETING DESCRIBED.

DIRECTORS WHO DECLINED TO BE OUSTED.

INJUNCTION ASKED.

A stormy meeting of shareholders of a local shipping company, following serious disputes between the directors and certain shareholders who wished to remove them on grounds of alleged mismanagement, was described in an action which commenced before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The Sze Yap Steamship Company, Limited, is the plaintiff and defendants are Chung Chung-shue, No. 61, Wing Lok Street, Chung Yuen-chi, No. 20, Connaught Road West, Lo Man-pan, No. 11, Queen's Road Central, Lau Fa-tong, No. 305, Queen's Road Central, and Lau Hong-sang, on board the s.s. Tai Lee.

Plaintiff claims an injunction to restrain defendants from acting as directors, or dealing with the funds, or using the seal, or otherwise interfering in the management of the company, and for damages in respect of these matters.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, is the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, is defending.

Interim Injunction.

Opening the case, Mr. Potter stated that the action was against former directors of the company. An interim injunction had been granted and certain issues were down for trial. The result of the findings on those issues would decide whether or not the injunction would be continued.

Remarkings that the issues appeared to be clear cut, and that he did not think his Lordship would be troubled with a consideration of the rights and wrongs of the case, which he submitted, were entirely irrelevant, counsel said they had received a letter from the other side asking for two further issues to be tried, making five altogether.

Mr. Potter said he could not agree to the issues being enlarged as he considered them irrelevant, but added that he was prepared for them to be tried if his Lordship thought it better.

After hearing Mr. Jenkins on the matter, his Lordship included one additional issue and excluded the other.

Shareholders Divided.

Proceeding, Mr. Potter said that the company operated the s.s. Tai Lee and the s.s. On Lee, between Hongkong and Kowloon. For a considerable time the shareholders had been divided into two groups, and the plaintiff group felt very strongly that the company had not been properly managed. There were very serious disputes which came to a head early in 1930.

On March 27, 1930, Messrs. G.K. Hall Brutton and Company, acting on behalf of a large body of shareholders, sent a requisition to the directors, calling upon them to convene an extraordinary meeting. The requisition contained eight resolutions, which were to, the effect that the requisitionists desired to get rid of the directors and appoint others. The directors, in a written reply, refused to convene the meeting. Subsequently the shareholders instructed Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, who prepared a requisition on April 8, 1930, but the directors again failed to convene a meeting.

Directors' Attitude.

Reply to his Lordship, Mr. Potter said there was a bitter dispute among the directors, some of whom said that they had not seen the requisition. He thought the directors refused to convene the meeting but as he wanted to keep out of controversial matters he would say that they did not call it.

The requisitionists, he went on, as they were entitled to do, con-

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CHINA INDEMNITY PURCHASES.

SINO-BRITISH COMMISSION PERSONNEL.

APPOINTMENT PLAN.

London, Feb. 2. Pressed to expedite the appointment of the members of the China Purchasing Commission under the China Indemnity Bill, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner in the House of Commons, that the Commission was in process of formation.

The Chinese Minister in London, Mr. Alfred Sze, and a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Railways, will be the Chinese members of the Commission, and the remaining four members will be British, selected by the Chinese Government from a panel of names which will be submitted to-day.

Mr. A. M. Samuel urged that enquiries be made regarding the five British members of the staff of the Canton-Hankow Railway who have not yet received their due.

Mr. Dalton replied that Mr. Henderson has asked Sir Miles Lampson to report on their cases.

Replies to another question, Mr. Dalton told Mr. Samuel that the Government were of the opinion that Chinese obligations to the British holders of loan bonds for building and equipping the Hu-Kiang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lung-Tsunghai, and Canton-Kowloon Railways should be treated separately from the Boxer Indemnity position, although the Government were anxious for Sir Miles Lampson to use the utmost in the matter. —*Reuter*.

ALARMING QUAKE IN N. ZEALAND.

SEA-BOTTOM STATED TO BE LIFTING.

Wellington, N.Z., Feb. 2. An alarming earthquake occurred this morning, as the result of which a viaduct in the Hawks Bay district was damaged.

The sea-bottom at Napier is stated to be lifting, and in consequence of the discovery, steamers are putting out to sea.

A number of oil-tanks at Napier have been set on fire, but the telegraph lines are down and information is meagre. —*Reuter*.

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

WITHDRAWAL MOTIONS DEFEATED.

Berlin, Feb. 3. In the course of a discussion by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag on Dr. Curtius' report on the last meeting of the League of Nations Council, the Nazis put forward a motion demanding Germany's withdrawal from the League, on the ground of the League's "complete failure with regard to the protection of national minorities and disarmament."

The Socialists also demanded withdrawal.

Both motions were, however, defeated. —*Reuter*.

INQUIRY INTO THE "DOLE."

COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INTERIM REPORT.

London, Feb. 2. The Prime Minister announced to-day that the Royal Commission on unemployment insurance has been asked to make an interim report on the subject of transitional benefits at an early date.

This type of benefit is not provided for in the actuarial basis of the insurance scheme, and evidence before the Commissioners on its effect on the finances of the scheme has caused concern in the Press and Parliament. —*British Wireless*.

LIGHT RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over South Manchuria. A depression is shown over S.W. China and North Indo-China. The local forecast is: south winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some light rain.

AN EXPENSE FOR ECONOMY.

\$100 A DAY WATER EXPERT.

FACTS UNFOLDED.

Attention has been drawn to an interesting news item contained in the report of the last meeting of Committee No. 5 of the Straits Council, held on January 12, when it was decided to recommend that a fee of \$100 per day be charged to the Hongkong Government for each day of Mr. Murman's special visit to Hongkong.

Upon enquiry this morning, we learn that Mr. Murman is the head of the Water Department of the Singapore Municipal Council, and that his advice on water matters relating to Hongkong was solicited by the Retrenchment Committee, at the time of his passing through the Colony a short while ago.

The Committee quickly recognized the value of such an authoritative opinion, and after communications had been exchanged between the Hongkong and Straits authorities, it was agreed that Mr. Murman, who was then returning from leave, should prolong his stay in Hongkong for a few days, and give his assistance to the Retrenchment Committee on the local water question.

We are given to understand that his observations were of especial value to the Committee.

DARING THEFT IN KOWLOON.

BLANKET PULLED OFF A SLEEPING MAN.

Whilst the inmates of a shoemaker's shop in No. 12, Parkes Street, were asleep, a thief inserted his hand through the shutters and removed a blanket which was covering a sleeping man, and bolted away. He was seen by one of the fokis of the shop, who raised the alarm. The thief was chased and arrested in the street.

Before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the thief, Mak Hoi, was charged by Inspector Clarke with having stolen a blanket, the property of Cheung Chun in the early hours of this morning, and also with house-breaking.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, and said that he had stumbled against the door of No. 12, Parkes Street. The door swung open and he was chased and arrested. He denied the theft.

The complainant and the foki who saw the theft, gave evidence, after which Mr. Butters convicted the defendant and sentenced him to four months' imprisonment.

RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

PLEADS GUILTY TO THREE THEFTS.

Three thefts were ascribed to a returned banishee, Lo Chun, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Besides the charge of having returned before the expiry of his term of ten years, imposed last year, defendant was charged with having stolen two pieces of clothing from outside No. 5, Peace Avenue, the property of Miss M. D. Asaumpeao, on February 1; two hats and a jersey from No. 5, Victory Avenue, the property of Mr. T. Dushiro, on December 28; and three woollen singlets from outside No. 3, Peace Avenue; on January 11 and 18, the property of Tsung Young.

On the defendant, pleading guilty, Mr. Butters imposed sentence of three months' imprisonment each on the larceny counts, the sentences to run consecutively on the first two cases and concurrently on the third. Six months' imprisonment was imposed on the banishment charge.

Lady Peel is to distribute cups and certificates at the St. Stephen's Girls College at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

SPECULATION IN PEAK HOUSES.

CHINESE ACTIVITY REPORTED.

MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE RESIDENCE LAW.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In view of a report which appeared in the *Wah Kiu Yat Po*, a local Chinese daily paper, to the effect that as a result of the repealing by the Government of the Ordinance of 1904, which prohibited Chinese from living on the Peak, there had been sudden Chinese speculative activity in Peak houses, and that the speculators now believed that Chinese may live on the Peak from henceforth, the *Telegraph* this morning, made enquiries at the Colonial Secretariat regarding the actual position.

Our representative was informed that although the Ordinance of 1904 was repealed on December 6 of last year, there still remained another Ordinance which covered the same question, and the position accordingly remained practically as before, except that all permanent residents, of whatever nationality, have to obtain permission to reside on the Peak.

The Old Ordinance.

The Ordinance of 1904 (section 3) stated that it should not be

BLUETRIB DRIVEN AT 240 M.P.H.

Captain Campbell's Effort in Unofficial Trial.

BID FOR RECORD TO-DAY

Daytona, Florida, Feb. 2. Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous British racing motorist, driving the fourteen-hundred horse-power British car "Bluebird" in a practice run to-day, attained a speed of approximately 240 miles an hour.

The speed was unofficially timed, and in any event the late Sir Henry Segrave's 231 m.p.h. is unaffected, as apart from the absence of an official time-keeper, records must be made by taking the mean of speed made travelling each way over a set course.

Later.

Captain Campbell will make his official attempt on the record to-morrow, the beach and the weather permitting. —*Reuter's America Service*.

RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

CONSERVATIVES MOVE ITS REJECTION.

London, Feb. 2.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, moved the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill, which introduces the Alternative Vote and other changes in electoral procedure.

Sir Samuel Hoare moved the rejection of the Bill on behalf of the Conservatives, while Sir Herbert Samuel, for the Liberals, spoke in support of the Bill.

The division will be taken on Tuesday night. —*British Wireless*.

building should be let to any but non-Chinese but in 1918 another Ordinance was passed making it necessary for everyone to obtain special permission from the Governor-in-Council.

The Ordinance did not apply to domestic servants, hospital inmates, visitors to hotels, and private residences, chair and rickshaw coolies, labourers and contractors temporarily residing and actually employed within the District.

Not Necessary.

When our representative placed the comments of the Chinese newspaper on the matter before an official this morning, the latter remarked:

"It appears that the Ordinance of 1904 was repealed because it was unnecessary. In 1904, the Ordinance required that no land or

ROYAL LOVE ROMANCE.

PRINCE LENNART'S ENGAGEMENT.

KING FORBIDS.

Stockholm, Feb. 2.

The desire of Prince Lennart, the King's grandson to marry a commoner, a Royal love romance which has attracted much attention in Sweden since the Prince Lennart announced his engagement in defiance of the Court, is to-day the subject of a Point Circular.

King Gustav, who is 72 years of age, finally refuses his consent to the engagement, the circular stating:

"The Constitution provides that a Prince of the Royal House shall not marry without the knowledge and consent of the King. After long and earnest consideration, the King has decided that it is impossible for him to consent to the marriage."

Prince Lennart recently publicly announced his engagement and a date had been fixed for the wedding. The lady of his choice is Miss Karin Nieswandt, the daughter of a well-known Stockholm accountant.

It is learned that Prince Lennart is at present disposed to go on with the marriage, being prepared to abide by all the legal and constitutional consequences. But the marriage has been postponed and no further date has been fixed. —*Reuter*.

FAMOUS INVENTOR'S DEATH.

DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS FOR USE IN WAR.

London, Feb. 2.

The death has occurred of the well-known engineer and explosives expert, Mr. Frederick Marten Hale. He was 66 years of age.

The late Mr. Hale's inventions were invaluable to the Allied cause. The Hale Rifle Grenade and the Hale Aircraft Bombs were the only ones available for the British and French forces when the War broke out. The first Zeppelin to be destroyed in the war by aircraft, in its hunger at Dusseldorf (Lieut. Marix, October 1914), the first Zeppelin to be brought down in mid-air, 1915, and the first submarine to be sunk by aircraft, were all effected by Hale bombs, many hundreds of thousands of which were made. Over ten million Hale grenades were used in the trenches.

He was also the first to propose and invent, in November 1914, an anti-submarine diving bomb, or depth charge. He was also an expert on armour-piercing shells. —*Reuter*.

BENGALI OUTRAGE SENTENCE.

SOLE SURVIVOR CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Calcutta, Feb. 2.

Dinesh Gupta, the sole survivor of the three terrorists who murdered Colonel Simpson, the Inspector-General of Prisons

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AMBULANCE CORPS INSPECTION:

COMMENDED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

The Hongkong branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade exhibited its smartness and efficiency at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.,) conducted the annual inspection.

Under the direction of Mr. Alfred Morris (Assistant Commissioner) and Mr. J. Ralston (Corps Superintendent), the brigade revealed itself as being not only highly trained in the methods of assisting the injured, but also showed a smartness in turn-out which was exemplary. His Excellency the Governor, both in his address and his comments to the officers, expressed his complete satisfaction and his admiration for the display.

Sir William Peel, who wore official uniform, was accompanied by his A.D.C. (Capt. Coltman), and among those present were also Lady Peel, accompanied by Mr. G.W.A. Tufton (Private Secretary), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major General J. W. Sandlands), with Capt. Cameron (A.D.C.), the Commodore (Capt. A. H. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), and Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Li Yick-mui, Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Kwoi Shiu-hau, T. N. Chau, C. G. Alabaster, and Simon Tse Yan.

Upon the entrance of the official party, the band of the South Wales Pioneers led the Royal Salute, which was given by the entire brigade, including the Victoria Nursing Division and the Motor Ambulance section.

Subsequently Sir William carried out an inspection of the brigade in its entirety, and afterwards an impressive demonstration was given, when "patients," supposed to be suffering from broken limbs, lacerations, dislocated bones, fits, etc., were speedily and effectively bandaged and prepared for removal to hospital. The demonstration was a very fine achievement, and clearly showed how efficient was the whole brigade. When those first-aid requirements had been attended to, His Excellency made his way around the ranks, pausing to inspect the work, and congratulating the men on the excellence of the display.

The Governor's Commendation.

Later Sir William presented the prizes to the successful divisions, and addressed the brigade in the course of which he said:

It gives me great pleasure to be here to-day to inspect you and to watch your demonstration. I should like to congratulate you on the efficiency of your demonstration and turn-out. I also congratulate those to whom I have handed prizes this afternoon, and I hope their success will incite others to emulate a similar success next year.

Since the last inspection you have lost your late Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Ralphs, to whom the success of the Corps is largely due. I sincerely congratulate you and Mr. Morris on his appointment as Assistant Commissioner in Mr. Ralphs' place. Mr. Morris has been associated with the Corps since 1916, and during that time has had a distinguished term of office.

I must strike one sad note, and that is the loss of Mr. Savage, the late District Commissioner for Kowloon. He was a most zealous officer and his death is a considerable loss to the Corps.

The Corps continues its successful career, numbering 438 at the end of last year as compared with 283 three years before. It has grown since 1916 from two Divisions to 16. During the year, the Corps has attended lectures and instruction in first-aid, and in the case of the nurses, they have attended nursing lectures, and I understand the majority of them passed the ex-

aminations. The Corps has kindly assisted in the instruction of members of the Police Force and Fire Brigade in first-aid, no less than 376 members of these bodies having passed their tests. The Government is very grateful to the Corps for its co-operation.

Effective Vaccinations.

It continues to do excellent work in the matter of vaccinations and between October 1929 and April 1930, 134,000 vaccinations were performed, 3,000 of which were children under five years of age. Up to the present session, no less than 70,000 cases have been treated for vaccinations. I cannot speak with too much praise of this work, and in the opinion of the Director of Medical Services the small number of small-pox cases is largely due to your efforts in vaccination. I congratulate the Corps on its work in vaccination.

Commenting further on the low incidence of small-pox in the Colony, which he regarded as a satisfactory feature, His Excellency reminded them that it might perhaps be rather dangerous to have too much confidence in immunity, and that a few cases next year might mean much more work for them to do.

His Excellency continued.—In addition, the Corps has attended 200 cases of suicides, assaults, etc., and 20 cases of fire outbreaks, and I cannot say too much about the public service which the Corps renders. I take this opportunity of stressing the great part which you take in the good of the community, and I appeal for small financial assistance as the Corps is supported by voluntary contributions, and it needs additional assistance to provide for its equipment and medical stores, which, through the fall of the dollar, have become more expensive.

The balance in 1930 is a little misleading, as several payments were made at the end of the year, including \$2,500 for prizes, whilst it is proposed to purchase a new ambulance for \$6,500. It is also hoped to build new headquarters from the Corps fund; this is a long felt want and I feel the appeal is fully justified.

I wish to thank the lecturers, demonstrators, examiners and all who give their services to assist the Corps. A great debt of gratitude is owed to them, and I wish you every continued success in the years to come.

A great debt of gratitude is also owed to the Hongkong Tramway Company and the Star Ferry Co., for the assistance they have given in the matter of special fares.

The Prize Winners.

Immediately after this, His Excellency stood at the saluting base, where the entire brigade, including the motor and nursing sections, marched past, whilst Sir William took the salute.

The prize winners were as follows:

Long Service Medal.—Chan Man Kai, of Kowloon Division.

Ralphs Shield.—King's College Division.

Savage Memorial.—Y.M.C.A.

Ho Kom Tong Shield.—Victoria Nursing Division.

Holyoke Attendance Cup.—Italiway Division.

Lau Chu Pak Cup (Duty).—Y.M.C.A.

Wong Kwong Tin Vaccination Cup.—Mong Kok Division.

Ho Fook Efficiency Cup.—Squad 4.

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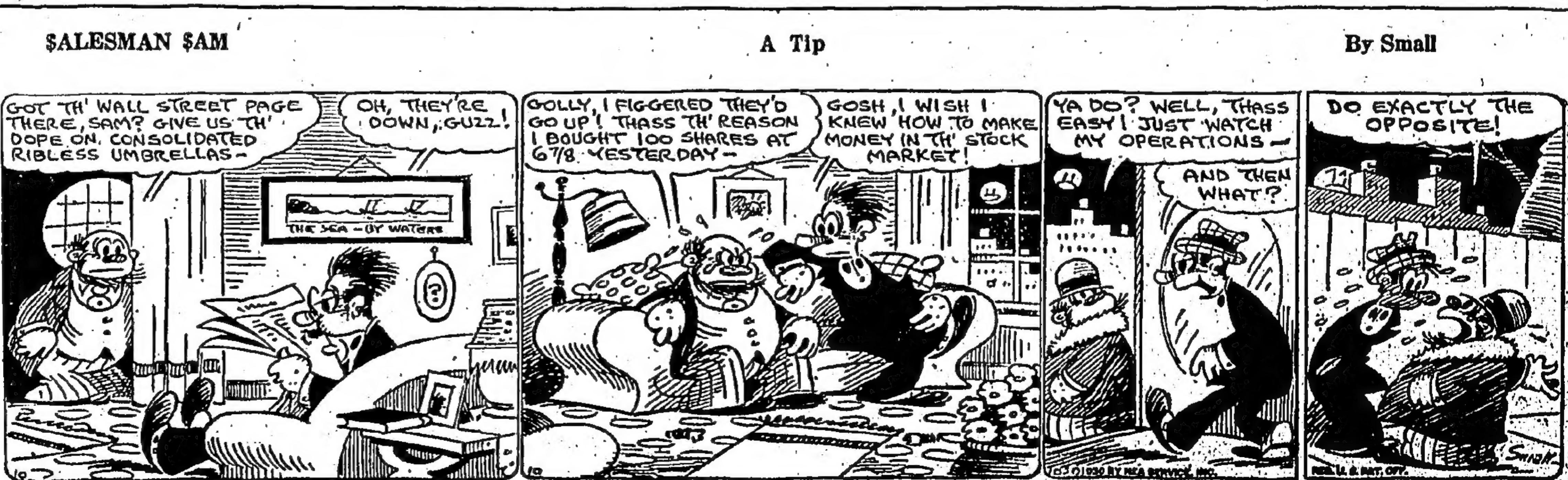
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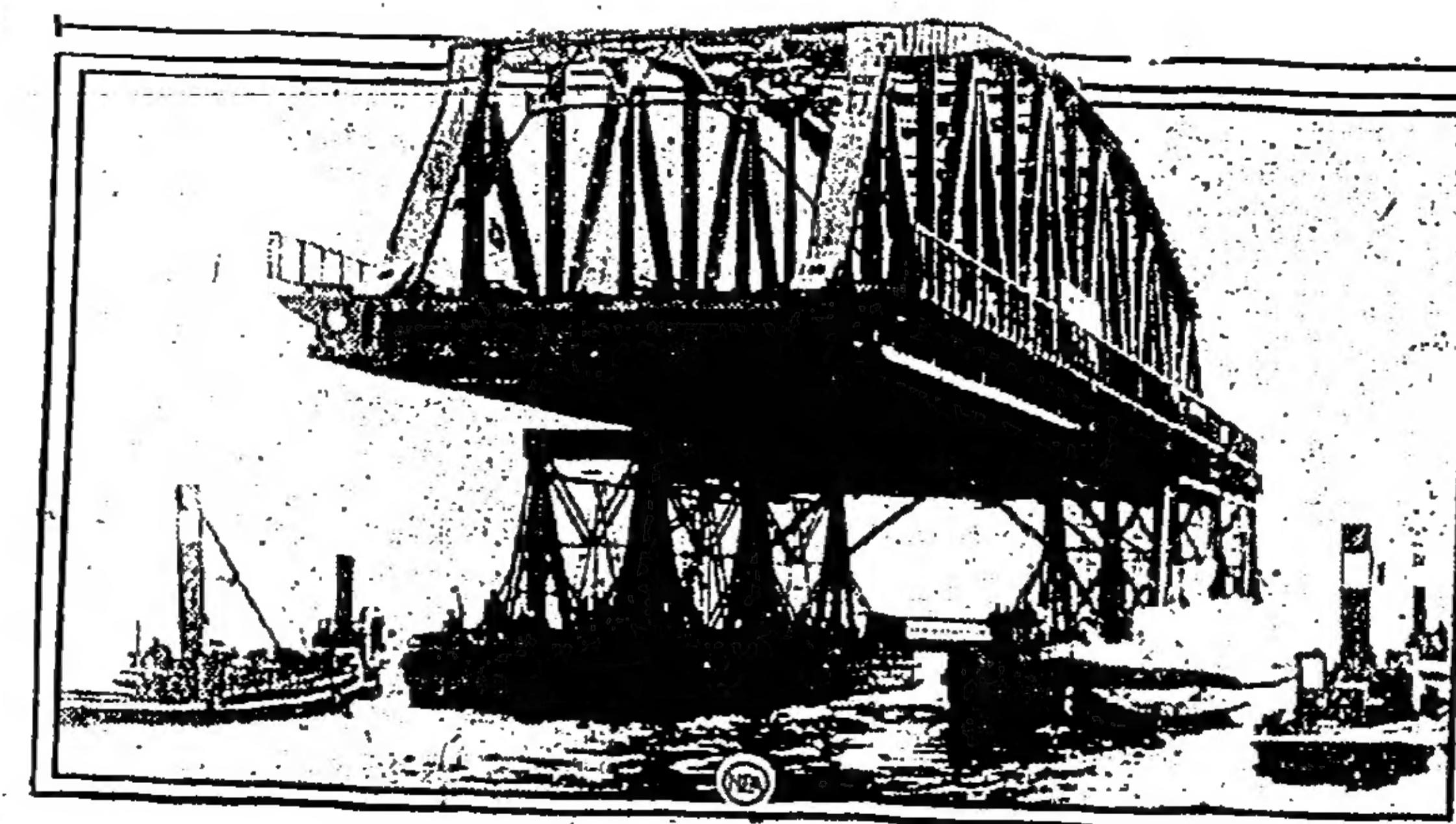
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Notre Dame's brilliant run of success is fully appreciated at Chicago as the above picture, on their return from the match with S. California, will show.



Mr. Wellington Koo, who is again taking a leading part in politics.



A bridge putting to sea is a most unusual sight. The photo was taken in Holland and shows a giant steel structure being taken down river to be placed in position bodily.



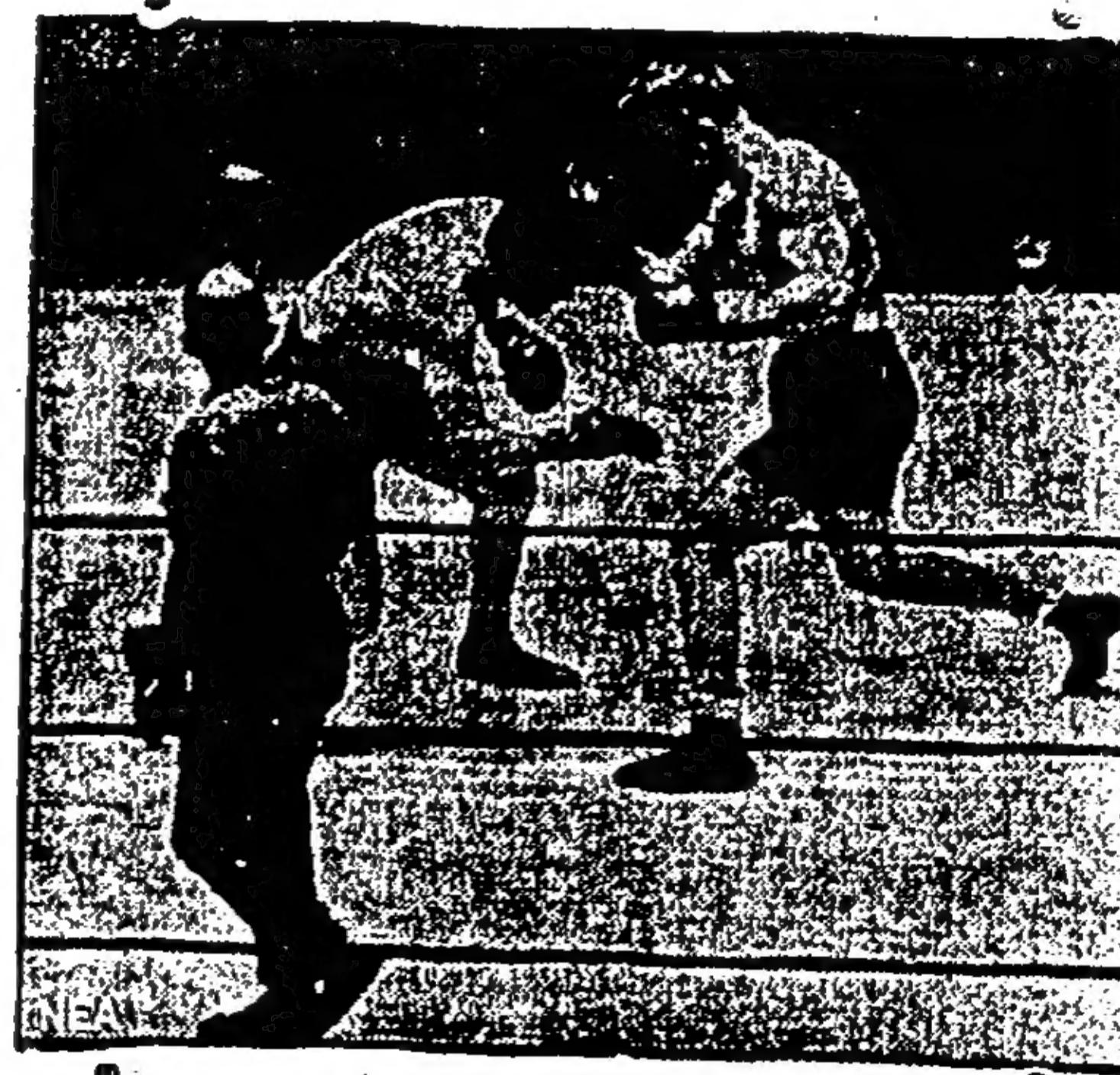
A curious picture showing a setter dog mothering three orphan lion cubs, at Washington Zoo.



The millionaire yacht Valiant shown ablaze off Catalina Island recently. Twenty-seven persons aboard were injured by the explosion which caused the blaze.



Mr. William Doak, America's new Secretary of Labour, caught by the camera at his Washington home, with Mrs. Doak.



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CINEMA NOTES.

GRETA GARBO HEROINE OF "ROMANCE".

Among the hundreds of reasons which have been advanced, at one time or another to account for the phenomenal success of Greta Garbo, one of her inimitable personality and beauty, is that of the Swedish star's versatility. Whereas other cinema personalities are content to shine within limited spheres by which they may be recognized as the flipper-type, the sophisticated-type, the romantic-type, etc., Miss Garbo refuses to be cast into a mould and has made it a point to insist on being given a totally different characterization with each succeeding picture.

From the Spanish portrayal of such early pictures as "The Torrent" and the "The Temptress" and the erotic flavour of "Love" and "Flesh and the Devil," Miss Garbo swung to the restrained but highly dramatic characterization of the maligned English heroine in "A Woman of Affairs." Followed the oriental atmosphere of "Wild Orchids," and then, in striking contrast, the American girl of "The Single Standard." The sophisticated woman of "The Kiss" was her next role and close upon its heels came the totally unexpected characterization of "Anna Christie." As the latest indication of her amazing versatility comes the announcement that in "Romance," her second all-talking picture which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, Miss Garbo will play the part of an Italian opera singer.

This is the same role played on the stage by Doris Keane in the well-known Edward Sheldon drama which, following a successful season in New York, ran for three years in the Duke of York Theatre in London and was subsequently played in most of the large countries throughout the world. The talking screen adaptation was made by Hess Merrieth and Edwin Justus Mayer, and Clarence Brown who directed Miss Garbo in "Flesh and the Devil," "A Woman of Affairs," and "Anna Christie" again handled the megaphone.

"Men of the North" is open at the Queen's Theatre.

"Men of the North," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's adventure romance of the North woods, is the attraction coming on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, with Gilbert Roland and Barbara Leonard heading a large cast of well-known players.

Personally directed by Hal Roach, well-known producer, director of "Rex, the Wild Horse," "Our Gang" and other comedy hits, and creator of the Laurel-Hardy comedies, the new picture is based on a powerful dramatic plot by Willard Mack. Mack is best known for "Gang War," "The Common Sin" and "Kick In," all of which were Broadway hits. Richard Schayer, scenarist of "Tell It to the Marines," adapted the story to the screen.

The play deals with the adventure of Louis the Fox, French Canadian trapper, wrongly suspected of theft and dogged through the snows by the Northwest Mounted sergeant, Mooney. His love for the Montreal heroine, and his adventures in the snow lands, the rescue of his pursued at the risk of his own life and freedom, and other incidents abound in the vivid romance of the French Canadian wilds.

Roland, who plays the hero is famous for his role in "Camille," "The Dove," "A Woman Disputed" and other major hits of the screen, and Miss Leonard for her work in "Ladies of the Night Club," "Son of the Gods" and others. The cast includes Robert Elliott, of "Protection" and "Lone Wolf's Daughter" fame; as Mooney, the police sergeant; George Davis, of "He Who Gets Slapped," "Safety" and "Broadway," as the captain; Ned Quartaro, Jimmie Cruse, discoverer of "The Red Mack," and the half-breed performer; Arnold Kortoff, famous European actor and director, as the heroic father. Others in the cast are Robert Graves, Jr., Frank Luckett, Fletcher Norton, Katherine Winner, Siegfried Schmidt and John Stepling.

Gorgeous settings in the snows of the high Sierras form a new ground for the new picture, and scenes of dogged races and skijumping are among the colourful details. The dramatic highlights include the rescue by Louis of the wounded officer, knowing that the act means his arrest; the avalanche that covers the heroine, her rescue from the icy tomb by Louis, the dramatic encounter of hunter and hunted in the snow-bound cabin, and the thrilling dog team dash through the blizzard in a rocky country.

The picture is the first talkie to be released all over the world at the same time, as it was made, with different casts, in French, German, Spanish and Italian at the time the English production was filmed, in a new method of production that proved revolutionary in the screen industry.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



[By Joan Savoy.]

Pyjamas are the thing to wear this winter when you give a tea party for your friends.

They should be simply made, in the soft dressmaker tailored mode, to be chic for this time of day. Sumptuous material, of course, is in order, but there should be restraint in the making.

Velvet is one of the favourite media for pyjama suits. The very newest ones are made in simple

one-piece mode, with the same moulded lines that the best gowns affect.

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This suit has a deep cowl neckline, with a scarf of the pink that throws over one shoulder and

extends to hipline on the other, edged in black as are the rather restrained flowing sleeves.

The pink bodice blouses slightly and sits down over the hips, being appliqued onto the black trousers to keep that fitted look every one wants this season. Two little buttons, one cut jet and the other sparkling crystal, ornament the front of the blouse just at waistline, where a belt buckle would be. The flowing trousers are floor length.

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Tidies for Every Room.

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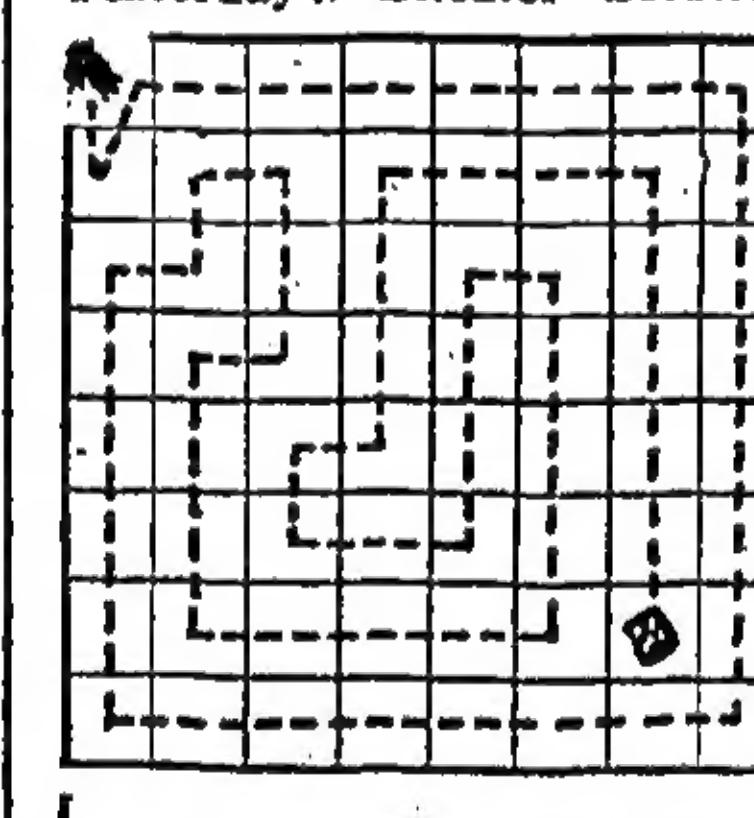
For the dining-room all you need is a biscuit tin painted to match its surroundings, and with a tassel hanging from two sides. Picture in jade green, enamelled box lined and tasseled with silver. Add a cut-out border of flowers and butterflies with perhaps a sunbird and crinoline lady, or a dove-cote and doves here and there. Would not such a tidy be perfect in a grey room?

Then the library or living-room needs nothing more than a round hatbox cut to the required size. Cover with an old map or piece of period linen, and finish with passe-partout to tone. For the bedroom choose a cheerful chintz and retain the lid, cutting a round hole in it, and edging with ribbon or paint.

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Yesterday's "Stickler" Solution.



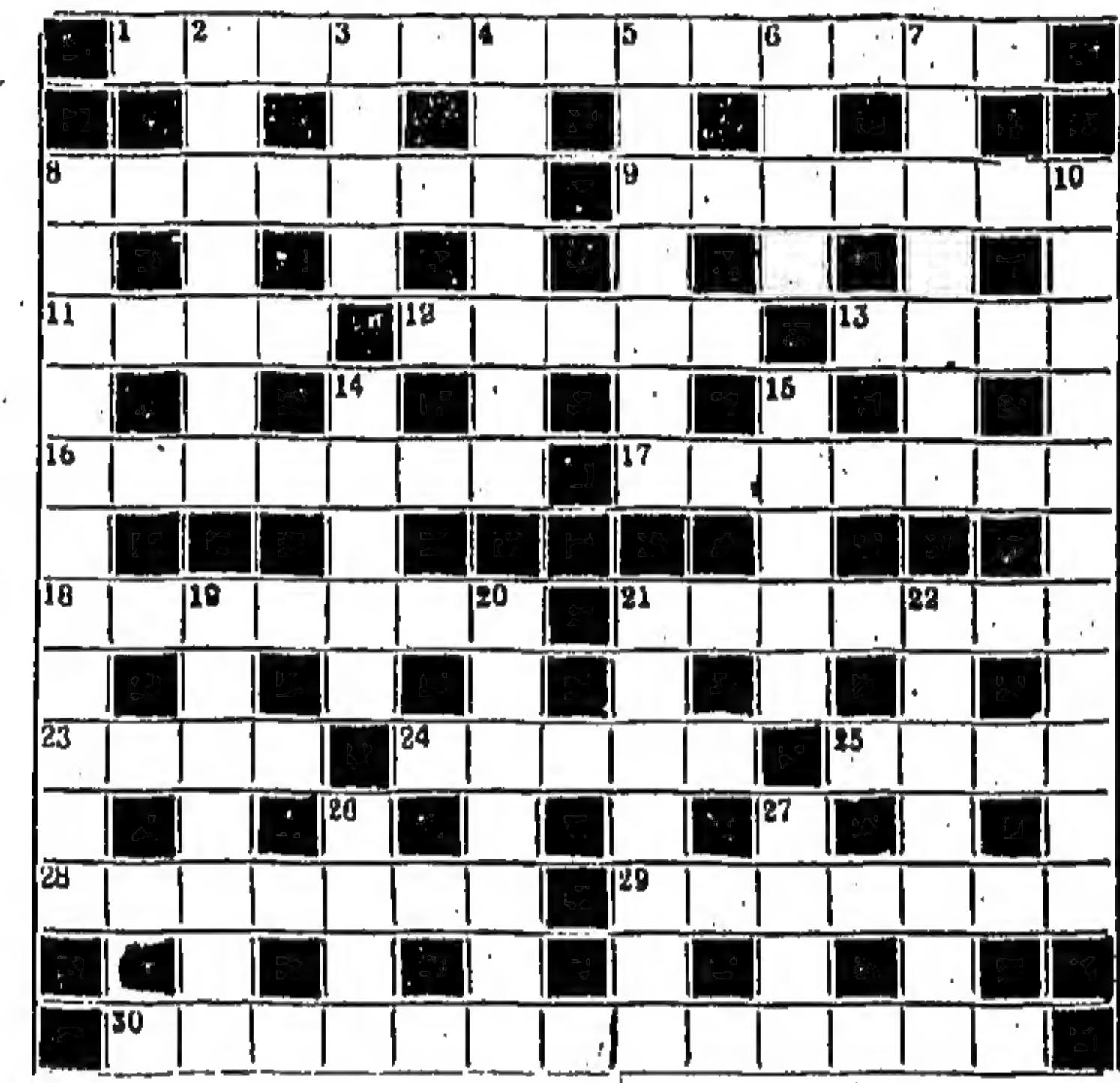
The above diagram shows how the mouse reached the cheese, by going from his position, at the entrance of two cells, in twenty-two straight paths, leading through every cell once and once only.

STICKLERS



A COWBOY rode 32 miles on horseback. A certain number of miles was down hill. Twice as far, plus 8 miles, was level and the distance up hill was one-half as far as the distance on the level. How many miles did he travel on each stretch?

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- He pursues his calling in Lancashire, probably (hyphenated word).
- Reed present given again (anag.)
- A novel by Disraeli.
- This chap was after a job in "Pickwick Papers."
- Modify.
- This Continental city is associated with an apple.
- After fifty-one a politician will walk lame.
- Where two blacks make a white.
- Flow gently.
- This cutter is more simple.
- French land measure.
- Behead a Russian river for this girl.
- Waste meat.
- There is no need to be dumb entirely (hidden).
- Bog.
- Turned out.
- Don't grumble—this entirely lacks blame.

Down

- What children do where clothes and shoes are concerned.
- Without the headgear this could not be that.
- To do this without readers, or 21 down would be a waste of time.
- An Irishman up against a row truly loves his fatherland.
- One of the newer atmospheric gases.
- This shepherd was better known as a poet.

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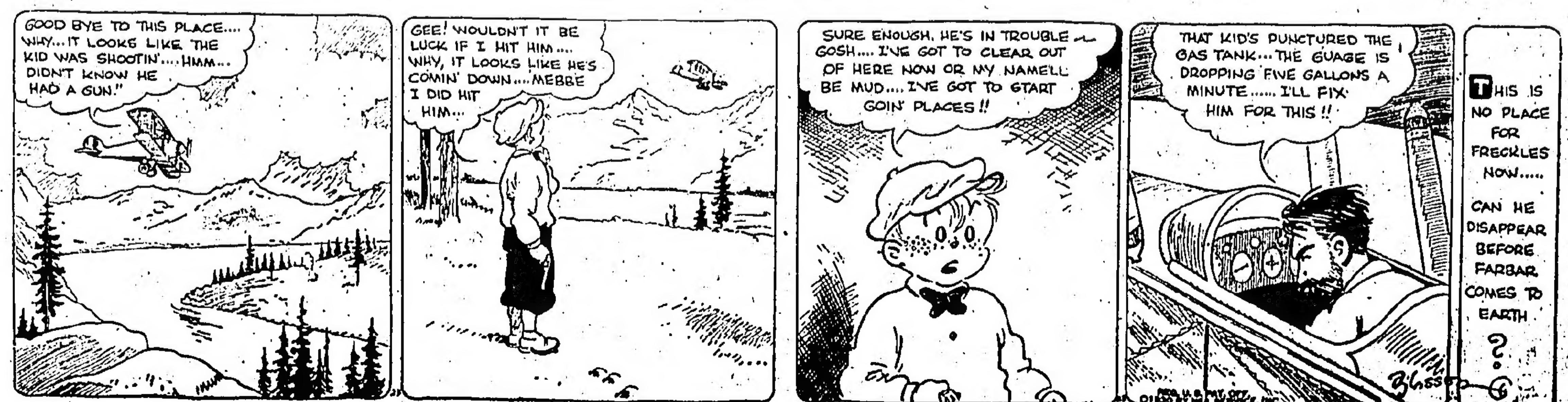
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TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1931.

A WELCOME DECISION.

For all too long has Hongkong tolerated the treatment of small-pox cases in homes, provided there is notification to the Medical Officer of Health, that all the inmates are vaccinated, and that a notice is posted on the door of the house where a patient is being treated. This amazing concession to the Chinese was made as long ago as 1918, and, in spite of facts showing that it involves a serious danger to the whole community, it has remained in force ever since. It is cause for thankfulness, however, that at long last the Government intends repealing this privilege, a motion to this effect being due to come before the Sanitary Board at this afternoon's meeting. A year ago, when the question was last before the Board, we expressed the view that it was little short of scandalous that home-treatment should be permitted in overcrowded tenement houses, and at the same time we urged the withdrawal of the concession. Happily, we have not since been visited by a serious outbreak of the disease, but that is more by good fortune than otherwise. In any event, it is high time that the authorities took the line of action to which we are glad to see they are now committed.

One of the arguments which Chinese members of the Sanitary Board have put forward in times past is that to demand removal of patients to hospital is to encourage failure to notify. Against this submission, however, we have had it conceded that, even with home treatment permitted, the concealment of cases and the dumping of bodies continues amongst the poorer classes. It was in the hope that the Chinese would promptly notify cases if they were allowed to have them treated at home that the 1918 concession was made, but it has been shown in practice that this hope has not been realised. Apart, however, from that aspect of the question, we cannot conceive how the Colony's medical authorities ever agreed to bargain with the Chinese community on such a vital matter as this. Some two years ago, Dr. Koch put forward a number of searching questions on this subject at a meeting of the Sanitary Board, in reply to which it was frankly admitted by the Government that "efficient and proper isolation in tenement houses is quite impossible." It was, moreover, added that any persons

remaining in their homes while suffering from small-pox represented a grave danger to the contacts, direct and indirect, who had not rendered themselves immune by vaccination. Another statement made was that even the nursing sisters at the small-pox hospital were not permitted to mix with the community, so as to avoid the risk of their carrying infection from their patients. Yet, in spite of these admissions, the Government has continued to allow Chinese patients to be treated in their own homes. A more astounding situation can hardly be imagined. Even nursing sisters, with all the means of immunization which they have at their disposal, are not allowed to leave the hospital, but Chinese from the filthiest hovels in the most overcrowded parts of the city, in which small-pox patients may be lying, can come and go as they please.

What is equally surprising is that leaders of the Chinese community who in other respects are most progressive in their outlook should, as they often have done, plead not only for the retention of the existing practice, but even request further concessions, such as the waiving of disinfection. Pleas of this nature are usually made on the ground that there is much ignorance amongst the poorer classes concerning the effects of disinfection on clothing and in regard to hospital treatment of infectious disease. The right way of dissipating this ignorance, however, is not by compromising and thus encouraging these views, but, by education. Inconvenience is also sometimes cited as a reason for giving way to the susceptibilities of the poorer classes, but, as we have before had occasion to observe, no such argument is listened to when it comes to refuse-removal or periodical house-cleaning. There was a time when the Chinese resented these latter measures, but, happily, experience has shown that results of the utmost benefit to the community have followed these very necessary regulations. One good sign in recent years is that the value of vaccination is becoming increasingly realised by the Chinese. It is, indeed, along these lines that the small-pox evil should be tackled, prevention being infinitely better than cure. Free inoculation is now provided by the Government, so that, with strict enforcement of the notification regulations and the abolition of home treatment, we may expect the Colony to master a scourge which has in days gone by taken a heavy toll of life in this Colony.

Serious Death Duty Anomalies.

Faced with the problem of finding new sources of revenue as an alternative to risking a \$5,000,000 budget deficit, more or less, the Government has turned its attention to Death Duties. It is an obvious choice. Little glee is likely to be evoked by any new taxation, it is true, but this is a form which we imagine will encounter the least opposition. The old rates were, in fact, remarkably low. The new schedule, representing fairly substantial increases, remains, up to a point, moderate. We certainly cannot admit, however, that the subject is one lacking importance. While we agree that increases may be justified, a comparison of the schedule with the duties enforced in Great Britain reveals patent anomalies, and if the Unofficial Members of the Council fulfil their function as representatives of public interests, the Government will be required to answer a charge of proceeding on wrong principles. The people who can well afford to contribute of their wealth to the Treasury are allowed to escape comparatively lightly, while the Government still demands its \$5 from the beneficiaries of a \$500 estate. Even in Britain, the most heavily taxed country in the world, the Government does not expect revenue from an estate which does not exceed \$100 (\$1,000 in normal times and \$2,000 at the present time) in value. Surely this disparity can be wiped out without severe loss to the Treasury, though it is by no means the worst. It would be

DAY BY DAY

A WRITER GETS IN THE LONG RUN JUST THE READERS HE DESERVES—Hester Brayne.

The Bishop of Victoria is to present the prizes at St. Paul's College on Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

The Bellolio Old Girls Association is holding an "At Home" in the Bellolio School Hall on Sunday at 4 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor will distribute the prizes at Queen's College on Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

The total rainfall for the month of January was .33 inch. There were only six wet days during the month, the largest amount of precipitation being on the 26th with .16 inch rainfall.

A police report issued from headquarters this morning stated that a small girl was knocked down and fatally injured by an Aberdeen motor bus near Western Street yesterday. She had run across the road in front of the approaching vehicle.

"Yes, I was hungry," pleaded a Chinese who was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having stolen thirty cakes from a hawker's stall. It appears that while the hawker was away in an adjoining tea shop, the defendant took the cakes and bolted. Sentence of three weeks' imprisonment was imposed.

Appearing before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of being in possession of two sticks of dynamite, a boatman was fined \$100. It was stated by Sergeant Cunningham, officer in charge of the Aberdeen Police Station, that the defendant had thrown 22 sticks into the sea on the approach of the police, while another man on board had jumped into the water and escaped.

more interesting to obtain the Government's justification of a scale which demands of the smaller estates, those up to \$25,000, a percentage as high as that obtaining in Great Britain, demands of estates between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a duty 33 per cent, in excess of that ruling in Great Britain, and then, and this is the point of our comment, allows an estate in excess of \$1,000,000 to escape with 11 per cent, as against 20, and in excess one of \$2,000,000 with 12 per cent, as against 25. Our comparisons are based on a 2/- dollar as we have presumed the Government to be legislating for normal as well as existing conditions. The anomalies become even more strongly emphasized if calculated on a 1/- dollar. If the Government is in a position to explain why small estates, which should be protected, are to be mulcted on a high scale and the largest estates on a low, the public is entitled to have such an explanation. At present, it looks very much like a case of discriminatory legislation which has been overlooked in the past.

I know an English expression which says: "It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." For me that is very true. At first, I thought I was unlucky in being wounded and captured so early in the war. I was not really, though. In the prison camp at Alten-Grabow were English, Russians,



"Don't think I'm kiddin' myself. She wouldn't give me a second thought if I couldn't give her autographed pictures of these movie stars."

MAURICE CHEVALIER on

ENGLISHMEN FRIENDS.

FATE seems to have brought me in touch with English people at almost every stage of my career, and among them I have found many good friends. You know, it was a kind fate that first brought me to London to study the theatre. It was lucky, too, that I was wounded and captured early in the war, because that gave me the opportunity of beginning to learn English while I was still quite young.

Two Englishmen I met in Paris theatrical circles in the early days also helped when I was only beginning to make my name on the stage. One of them, Mr. T. Elder Hearn, I have known since my boyhood and he is with me in Paris now. Perhaps we shall make a world tour together in the near future.

When I got my first decent engagement at the Folies Bergere, "Tom" Hearn—as I have always known him—was also appearing in his already well-known act, "The Lazy Juggler," and we soon became pals. But he could not stay in Paris for ever. He had to fulfil a long programme of engagements elsewhere.

All the same, that comradeship did not end at the Folies. No matter where we found ourselves, we would keep in touch. Even during the war, when I was a prisoner, we kept up our correspondence as best we could. Presently, Tom went back to England and became a revue proprietor, and very often used to send me sketches which he thought I could adapt and use.

A Boxing Sketch.

Like so many other people at that time, I was an admirer of the great comedian Harry Weldon. Thousands of Englishmen must remember his very droll boxing sketch. Well, Tom Hearn obtained permission for me to use that sketch in Paris and I need not say it was a great success.

During the time that I was a red-nose comedian I did not have to dance at all, as you can understand. But, after I had changed my style of performance and taken to wearing my straw hat, things were different. When I was called upon to take increasingly large parts in the Paris revues, I made up my mind to learn dancing properly.

Once more I found a true English friend. For years Paris audiences have admired the wonderful dancing of many different troupes of English girls. In fact, their unique skill has often formed one of the principal attractions in many of the big revues. Hundreds of those girls owe their skill to the training of Mr. J. W. Jackson, the Englishman who first taught me to dance. Now that I am making films, it is interesting to think that once Charlie Chaplin also was one of J. W. Jackson's boys.

As pupils, I hope we have not let him down at all!

In Germany.

I know an English expression which says: "It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." For me that is very true. At first, I thought I was unlucky in being wounded and captured so early in the war. I was not really, though. In the prison camp at Alten-Grabow were English, Russians,

and French, and it was through going there that I learned English, which has surely been of great use to me. One of the early English prisoners to arrive at Alten-Grabow was my good friend Ronald Kennedy, a Durham schoolmaster, who fought in the Durham Light Infantry.

We soon became firm friends in distress, and to pass away the time it was agreed that Ronald Kennedy should teach me English and that I should teach him French in return. So we formed a little class and in learning tried to forget the unpleasant side of our lives. I may say also that we used to organise concert parties—but they were not quite as gay as the Folies Bergere!

Learning English.

Well, I was a comedian and my friend a schoolmaster, so it is not terribly difficult to imagine what happened in our "class." Ronald Kennedy taught me English very well indeed; but as for me teaching him French—I am sorry to say he got the worst of the bargain. Nevertheless we are still very good friends.

Neither of us will ever forget those language lessons in that strange school, or the friendship we formed in our exile. Eventually we both got back safely to our own countries. We have met many times since, and, I hope, will meet many times in the future.

Ten years ago I made my first professional visit to England. It was Sir Alfred Butt who was responsible for introducing me to a London audience, when he brought me over to play in "Hello! America."

Although I was used to coming to London quite alone, I had few friends there then, so at first I was lonely. At the theatre I was quite happy. I liked the show and my part in it, and everyone was so kind to me that I could not be otherwise. Yet London seems a very big place to a stranger.

Fortunately, as the time passed I began to meet some charming English actors and became friends with a number of them. All at once London changed; it was a very much happier place for me and I was glad to be there.

I was so happy in the company of my new friends that when the time came for me to return to Paris I felt lonely at the thought of leaving my new-found companions, because, you see, making and keeping friends is a habit of mine.

Women Can't Be Idle.

By JOHN HEYGATE.

NEVER since they called themselves suffragettes, have women enjoyed a moment's true idleness.

No woman can rest while a single task remains undone; though, paradoxically enough, at the back of her mind is a vision of a great leisure awaiting her, when everything is finished. And so the pursuit of leisure continues endlessly, until occupation becomes an end in itself, and the gift of an idle moment appears a domestic disaster of the first importance.

How many times have you seen a woman throw herself down in a chair, sigh, close her eyes, and in five seconds jump up again, exclaiming, "I've forgotten to give the cat its milk," or "I wonder if I left the bathroom window open." While her eyes were shut she was hard at work wondering why she was not busy, and in five seconds she had discovered some excellent reasons.

Idleness in the sense of temporary abstraction has become a masculine prerogative. The old gentlemen—and they are not always so very old—who sit in the club windows of St. James's, causing modest spinsters to lower their eyes as they hurry past, have no thoughts of spinsterdom in their heads. They have no thoughts at all. They have learnt the gift of mental detachment.

They can sit idle for hours on end. A newspaper will rise and fall on their faces with the regularity of their breathing. The length and peacefulness of the members' lives are tributes to their genius for applied idleness.

Why is it that the average woman is mentally and physically exhausted by nine o'clock in the evening, or if she goes out to dine or dance, must stay in bed till lunch-time next day? Why is it that she welcomes the annual holiday even more eagerly than her labouring husband?

The reason why you see more young men of sixty than young women

(Continued on Page 7.)

RECENT WANCHAI FRACAS.

INDIAN VICTIM MAY DIE FROM STAB WOUNDS.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

The recent fracas in Wanchai between two Indian motor-drivers and four other Indians, had a sequel before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, when Sohbat Khan and Abdul Khanan were brought before the Magistrate on charges of wounding and causing grievous bodily harm to the other four men, who are still detained in hospital as a result of the fight.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared on behalf of the two defendants.

Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy told his Worship that four of the men, now the complainants, were still in hospital, certificates to this effect being produced. It appeared that the complainants went to the residence of the two defendants and called the first down into the street. It was alleged that the first defendant, who was later joined by the second, stabbed the complainants. There had apparently been some trouble between the two parties, all of whom lived together some time ago. The complainants, however, would not admit that they had gone to the defendants' house. They claimed that they were passing along the street when the trouble occurred.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. Rendall that according to the medical certificate, two of the men were suffering from stab wounds in the stomach and would not be fit for discharge for another three weeks, while the third also had a stab wound in the stomach but would probably be discharged from hospital one week earlier, the fourth requiring but one week for treatment of scalp wounds. It would be necessary, therefore, to adjourn the case formally for one week, pending the discharge of the four men.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sub-Inspector Murphy said that there was a possibility of one of the men dying.

Mr. Rendall intimated that he would make an application for bail if the man who might die got out of danger.

The defendants were remanded for one week, bail being refused.

WOMEN CAN'T BE IDLE.

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men of fifty is not hard to discover. Men have a genius for detachment. They can work when they want, and not work when they know they ought to. They can conveniently appear absent-minded to the intruder when absorbed in some problem of concentration.

They can even, and frequently do make themselves out to be perfect fools, when occasion demands; but they never make the mistake of wasting their wits. X. knows well that that letter to Uncle Fred should be written, his accounts balanced, the winter coal ordered, and a dozen other matters attended. Thrusting accounts, coal and uncle firmly behind him, he reaches for his golf clubs and sets out for a careless, carefree afternoon.

"I'll join you at the tenth, when I've seen to a few things," says Mrs. X.; but at teatime she is still at home, bowed beneath a load of trifles, lightened only by the loss of her temper.

American business magnates who have visited this country of late have commented favourably on our so-called slipshod office methods—two hours for lunch, golf on Saturdays, Stock Exchange Holidays and the like. Americans, with all their breathless high-speed efficiency, are a little like our women. But they have come to recognise, unlike our women, that a little idleness pays; that a reasonable detachment from work strengthens and refreshes the brain tissues.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.02 1/2	123.89 1/2
Geneva	25.11 1/2	25.13 1/2
Berlin	20.43 1/2	20.43 1/2
Oslo	18.10 1/2	18.10 1/2
Helsingfors	19.27 1/2	19.27 1/2
Athens	3.75	3.75
Buenos Aires	34 3/4	34 3/4
Shanghai	1/3 1/2	1/3 1/2
New York	4.85.10/32	4.85.10/32
Amsterdam	12.77 1/2	12.03 1/2
Stockholm	18.16	18.16
Vienna	34.53 1/2	34.53 1/2
Madrid	47.70	47.75
Bucharest	81 1/2	81 1/2
Montevideo	32 1/2	32 1/2
Hongkong	115	115
Brussels	34.83 1/2	34.63
Milan	92.75 1/2	92.77 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16	18.16
Prague	16.44	16.44
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	43	43
Bombay	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Yokohama	220.7/16	220.7/16
Silver (spot)	139/16	139/16
" (forward)	139	139
	British Wireless	

COLONEL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

COLLAPSES DURING CHAT AFTER BATHE.

TRAGEDY IN F.M.S.

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Lieut.-Col. Taylor was formerly in the King's Own Scottish Borderers and before and during the War served under the Colonial Office with the West African Frontier Force. During operations in the German Cameroons he was taken prisoner and held in captivity for nearly two years. He was released when the German resistance in the Cameroons was quelled. For subsequent service in German East Africa he was mentioned in dispatches.

LOCAL RADIO.

KO SHING THEATRE RELAY.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wave-length of 556 metres:

5.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme of Columbia records kindly loaned by Masters Anderson Music Co.

5.00-6.40 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral. Ragtime Memories.

The Jolly Old Fellows. 113.

Monologue—Our Lizzie Goes Shipping. Helene Millais. 9201.

Chorus—After The Ball Is Over.

Chorus—Two Little Girls In Blue. Gerald Adams and The Variety Singers. 57.

Humorous Duet—Quarter Day. Charles Penrose and Billy Whithock. 9291.

Song—A Little Bungalow. Song—Loving Along Behind The Old Grey Mare.

Bobby Grey and Whisping Chorus. 9113.

Chorus—Daly Bell. Chorus—Brook The News To Mother. Gerald Adams and The Variety Singers. 143.

Descriptive Sketch—Casey's Band Rehearsal.

Michael Casey and Co. 8318.

5.40-6.40 p.m. Orchestral.

Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach).

Lucerne Kursaal Orch. 9636.

Arabian Night (Arabs).

Madrid Symphony Orch. 9583.

Summer Days Suite—In A Country Lane—On The Edge of A Lake.

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9370.

Wood Nymphs (Eric Coates).

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Semiramide (Rossini).

Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9663.

6.50-7.00 p.m. Operatic.

Caenlaria Rusticana (Mascagni).

Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9664.

The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini).

B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch. 9166.

Carmen—Flower Song (Bizet).

Arthur Jordan (Tenor). 9204.

7.05-8.00 p.m. Concert Items.

Song—Hart—Wentz and Tosti.

Doris Vane (Soprano). 9283.

Song—O' Lovely Night (Toschemacher and London Ronald).

Doris Vane (Soprano). 9283.

Violin Solo—Suite Populaire Espagnole (de Falla arr. Kochansky).

Rene Benedetti. 9584.

Song—I Hear You Calling Me (Harford and Marshall).

Richard Neller (Tenor). 9231.

Duet—Come, Silver Moon (Dowdon arr. Besty).

Dora Labette and Hubert Eisdell. 9612.

Quartet—Quartet in A Major (Beethoven).

The Cathedral Quartet. 9141.

Song—My Ain Wee House (Wilson and Munro).

Song—Name O' Mine (Murdoch).

Nina Rao (Contralto). 7674.

Duet—Donny Brook Fair. Talbot O'Farrell & Charlton Penrose. 8408.

Song—In Deepest Cellar (Fischer).

Song—Another's Song from Robin Hood (Koven).

Wilfred Glenn (Bass). 9240.

Orchestral—Fair Indian Love (Lyrics).

Union Symphony Orchestra. 567.

8.00-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Close Down.

ATHEIST WORK IN GERMANY.

COMMUNISM AS THE DRIVING FORCE.

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The International of Free-thinkers held a conference at Tetachen, in Northern Bohemia, in November, at which the majority of delegates followed Communist leadership and the organisation broke into two halves.

Copying Soviet Model.

The Communist cultural organisations, of which the most important is the Ifc (Association for Workers' Culture), have united with German Communist free-thinking organisations for anti-religious propaganda. At a Berlin congress in November it was resolved "to carry out independent political cultural work on a mass scale in close connexion with the political and economic issues of the day."

As an instance of what this means, the *Ungarische Zeitung* recalls a procession of 150 unemployed which appeared before the Neukolln town hall last spring in order to register officially their resignations from the church.

The various organisations have a programme of work similar to that of the Goddess in Russia. They hope to secure one hundred thousand resignations from the church by April, 1931, and to win 50,000 of these for the Proletarian Free-thinkers' Union.

Special attention is concentrated on atheist missions among women and children. New periodicals are to be issued for this purpose, and—interesting evidence of the importance of the Komintern attributes to the religious question—Communist publishing activities in Germany will concentrate on atheist propaganda during the next few months.

The Ifc's work in schools is to be expanded. The official establishment of parents' committees in connection with Prussian schools makes it easier to bring together Communist school teachers, parents, and children who have been brought up as Communist Atheists.

Reliable members of the Communist Party are asked to send their children to denominational schools so as to start propaganda work among children from Christian homes and form atheist cells.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

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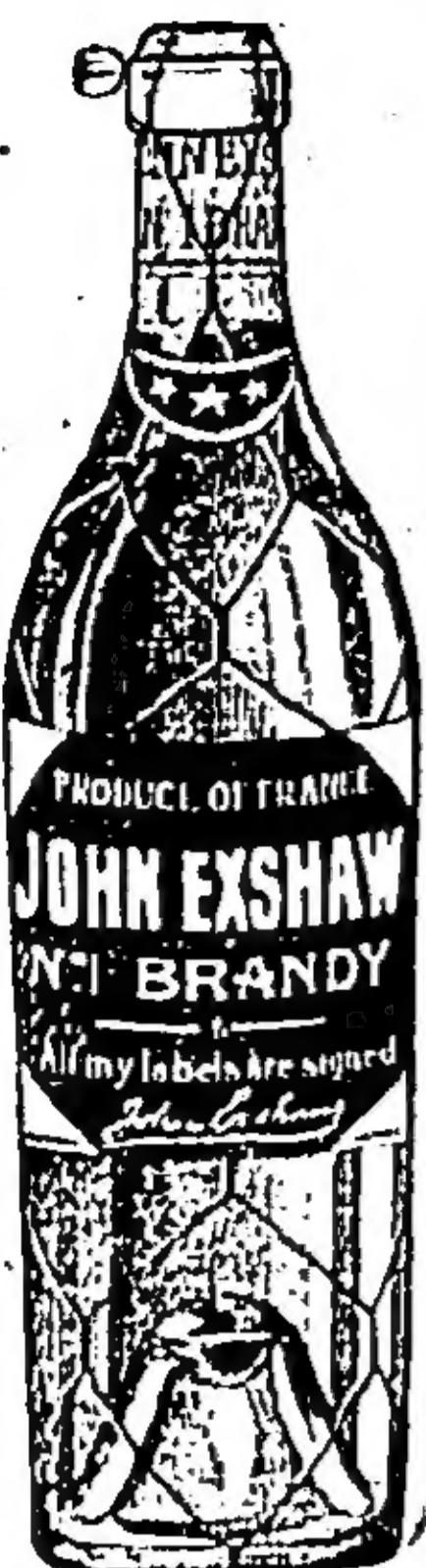
Refiners have bought one cargo, February shipment 6/—.

Samarang (2/31).—There is an unsold feeling in the market owing to sale of Russian crystals to India.

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TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

SCOTLAND DEFEAT ENGLAND.

Canton, Feb. 2. Scotland defeated England by 10 points to 2 points in the last of the triangular International golf matches for the season 1930-1931 played here yesterday.

In the morning, Scotland won five of the six singles, thereby establishing a lead at the fifth interval of 5 points to 1. The afternoon foursomes resulted in Scotland winning two and halving the third.

The individual scores were as follows:

Singles.

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Club's annual Meeting.

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The Course.—The Club has been fortunate in having a ground Committee who have worked unceasingly to make something like a golf course of the Club's grounds. The Committee believe Mr. Gilman is deserving of especial commendation for his part in the improvement to the course.

The Clubhouse.—The scheme for alterations to the Clubhouse approved at the last annual general meeting has been carried out and the general sentiment among members seems to be that the house presents a very much improved appearance besides providing more space. Numerous other improvements have been effected of which in particular might be mentioned the reconditioning of the billiard table, and the very fine lighting system installed at very slight expense under the supervision of Mr. Gilman.

Caddies.—The Committee has wrestled with the ever recurring and vexatious caddy problem. In the absence of any full time caretaker or caddy master who can intelligently supervise and control the caddies, there seems to be little that the Committee can do to improve the caddy service. The Club is not a position to hire the type of man who can effectively carry out this work. Most of the dissatisfaction is with the look-sees and the Committee is of the opinion that if look-sees, both private and posted, were abolished the club carrying caddies could be trained to responsibility in the matter of finding balls. It is matter of finding balls would be lost than under the present system. This suggestion will be submitted to the incoming Committee for their consideration.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

PRINCESS BEATRICE. SLIGHT CHANGE FOR WORSE ANNOUNCED.

London, Feb. 2. A bulletin issued yesterday evening stated that the condition of Princess Beatrice was not so satisfactory, owing to a slight rise of temperature, associated with exacerbation of her bronchitis.

Although this slight setback was followed by a somewhat disturbed night, to-day's bulletin states that the Princess's condition this morning was rather more satisfactory.—*British Wireless*.

MIDGET GOLF IN CANTON.

A COURSE OPENED ON SHAMEEN.

Canton, Feb. 2.

To Mr. W. R. Farmer belongs the credit of bringing midget golf to Canton. The set which is installed in the Lounge of the Victoria Hotel Shameen, was opened at 7 p.m. yesterday, when the management made the opening the occasion for a small reception. Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Chairman of the Shameen Municipal Council played the inaugural game, after which a hundred or so of Shameen golfers and non-golfers played over the course.

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While it is admitted that the element of luck enters into miniature golf to a far greater extent than in the real game, many of the thrills and fascinations of the game are to be had. The hazards consist of hidden bunkers, loop-the-loops, hidden tunnels, inclined planes, swings, windmills and see-saws.

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Mr. Davidson, Grey Mouse (H) 2

Mr. Schroeter, Chemal (H) 3

Mr. Church, Joseph (H) 4

Capt. Carmichael, Hefty (H) 5

Mr. Heard, Fifty-Fifty (L) 6

Those who entered were:—Heavyweights:—Mr. Bousfield (Pelican), Miss Fai (White Slave), Miss Emma Scott, Harston (Groombridge), Capt. Carmichael (Hefty), Major Hewson (Erin-go-Braugh), Mrs. Hewson (Red Prince), Miss Schroeter (Chemal), Mr. Davidson (Grey Mouse), Mr. Church (Joseph), Mr. Brayfield (Fernleaf).

Lightweights:—Mr. Keith Murray (Pal o'Mine), Mr. Ferguson (Hay Rhum), Mr. James (Harford), Miss Pamela Scott, Harston (Christmas Belle), Mr. Fischer (Discard), Mr. Bedow (Digby), Mr. Parker (Chesn Hall), Mr. Cochrane (Mad Carew), Mr. Heard (Fifty-Fifty), Mr. H. C. Leo (The Bruiser), Mr. Dale (Sneat).

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Murder At Bridge

by ANNE AUSTIN author of "THE BLACK PIGEON" and "MURDER BACKSTAIRS"

CHAPTER XXV.

Bonnie Dundee's first thought upon awaking that Saturday morning was that it might prove to be rather a pity that his new bachelor apartment, as he loved to call his three rooms at the top of a lodging house which had once been a fashionable private home, faced south and west, rather than east. At the Rhodes House, whose boarding house glamour and lack of privacy, he had abandoned upon taking the fluttering job and decent salary of "special investigator attached to the district attorney's office," he had grown accustomed to using the hot morning sun upon his translucent eyelids as an alarm clock.

But—he continued the train of thought, after discovering by his watch that it was only 8:40—it was pretty darned nice having "diggings" like these, quiet and private. For he was the only tenant now on the top floor. His lazy eyes roved over the plain severity but solid comfort of his bedroom, and on past the open door to take in appreciatively the equally comfortable and masculine living room.

Pretty nice. That leather-upholstered couch and armchair had been a real bargain, and he liked them all the better for being rather scuffed and shabby. Then his eyes halted upon a covered cage, swaying from a pedestal.

"Poor old Cap'n . . . Must be wondering when the devil I'm going to get up!" and he swung out of bed, bounced sleepily into the small living room and whisked the square of black silk from the cage.

The parrot, formerly the property of murdered old Mrs. Hogarth of the Rhodes House, but for the past year the young detective's official "Watson," ruffled his feathers, poked his green-and-yellow head between the bars of his cage and croaked hoarsely: "Hello!"

"Hello, yourself, my dear Watson!" Dundee retorted. "Your vacation is over, old top! It's back on the job for you and me both!" Which reminds me that I ought to be taking a squat at the Sunday papers, to see how much Captain Strawn thought fit to tell the press."

He found *The Hamilton Morning News* in the hall just outside his living room door.

"Listen, Cap'n . . . Nita Selim Murdered At Bridge."

Probably the snappiest streamer headline the *News* has had for many a day . . . Now let's see . . . He was silent for two minutes, while his eyes leaped down the lesser headlines and the story of the murder.

Then: "Good old Strawn! Not a word, my dear Watson, about your absurd master's absurd performance in having 'the death hand at bridge' replayed! Not a word about Ralph Hammond, the missing guest!"

Not a word about Mrs. Tracey Miles being hidden away in the clothes closet while her hostess was being murdered! . . . In fact, my dear Watson, not a word about anything except Strawn's own theory that a hired gunman from New York, or Chicago, preferably Nita's home town, New York, of course, sneaked up, crouched in her window, and dumped her off. And life-size photographs of the big footprints under the window to prove his theory.

By golly, Cap'n! I clean forgot to tell my former chief that I found Nita's will and note to Lydia. He'll think I deliberately held out on him . . . Well, I can't sit here all day gossiping with you. Work—much work to be done. Then Sunday dinner with poor little Penny."

Four hours later a tired and dispirited young detective was climbing the stairs of the five-story "walk-up" apartment house in which Penny Crain and her mother had been living since the financial failure and flight of the husband and father, Roger Crain.

"Hello, there!" It was Penny's friendly voice, halting him from the topmost landing of the steep stairs. "All winded, poor thing?"

His eyes drank her in—the freshness and sweetnes of a domestic Penny Crain, so different from the thorny little office Penny who prided herself on her efficiency as a "shoo-in," ruffled white apron, . . . But there were purplish shadows under her brown eyes, and her gaze lasted only until he had reached her side.

"Sh—h—h—Have they found Ralph?" she whispered anxiously.

He could only answer "No."

"Mother's all of a twitter at my having a detective to dinner," she whispered, trying to be gay again.

"She fancies you'll be wearing size 11 shoes and a 'six-shooter' at your belt! Yes, Mother! It's Mr. Dundee!"

She did not look "all of a twitter," this pretty but rather faded middle-aged little mother of Penny's. A gentle dignity and patient sadness, which Dundee was sure were habitual of her, lay in the faded blue eyes and upon the soft, sweet mouth. . . .

CHAPTER XXVI.

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"I'm inclined to say 'Pooh!' too, Penny," Dundee assured her, "but Tracey Miles told me last night when he came to get Lydia that Nita really seemed to be in love with Ralph part of the time, at least."

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The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca J. S. Shak took place at the Catholic Cemetery (Happy Valley) yesterday afternoon. Rev. Fr. J. F. Shak officiated at the graveside together with seven other priests, these being the Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, Rev. Fr. Noval, Fr. Paul, Fr. Torruzz, Fr. Lam, Fr. Situ and Fr. Peter Ngai.

There was a very large attendance, several hundred being present at the cemetery, and many wreaths were received, as well as letters of sympathy.

Wreaths were sent by Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Tan Eng Hol, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hollands, Messrs. Robert Chou, Andrew Tse Yan, Mr. and Mrs. Leong Tuen Shing, Mr. O. W. Luke, the South China Athletic Association, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mose, Misses Lam Fung Chi, Lam Kang Chi, Helena Yu, the Catholic Young Men's Society, the students and staff of the Sacred Heart College, Messrs. Lam Hon Pak, Chan Kwok Leong, Chan Yee On, S. C. Tse, Ip Kim Hung, Dr. Y. T. Tang, Messrs. Lai Tuen Poa, Taiu Tat Cheun, Lam Yiu Wah, Tam Chung, and many others. The grave had a big pile of floral tributes placed over it.

HARBOUR SCHEME FOR CANTON.

OPINIONS DIVIDED AMONG CHINESE OFFICIALS.

Canton, Feb. 2.

Official circles are in receipt of news that the Nanking Government Council may shortly announce a scheme for the simultaneous development of the Tong Ka free-port at Chungshan and the harbour at Whampao.

For some time past the Nanking Government has expressed intention to develop a modern harbour in Kwantung, but the work has time and again been postponed on account of war and the fact that the Nationalist leaders are altogether dead over the suggested scheme. For instance, His Excellency the Governor of Canton, General Chan Ming-shu, and Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Railways, are staunch supporters of the Tong Ka scheme whereas the Canton Commissioner of Reconstruction, General Tang Yin-wah and Mr. Kou Ying-fan, (ex-Commissioner of Finance in Canton) firmly believe that, on account of its nearness to Canton, Whampao port should receive the earliest attention.

In view of the divergence of opinion, the Nanking Government is considering setting aside a huge sum for the simultaneous development of both schemes.

CABINET CHANGES.

MR. SCULLIN ACCEPTS TWO RESIGNATIONS.

Canberra, Feb. 2.

Mr. Scullin has accepted the resignations from the Cabinet of

Messrs. Fenton and Lyons, who opposed the return of Mr. Theodore.

Mr. Forde has been appointed Minister of Customs, Mr. Green as Postmaster General, and Mr. Daly as Minister of Defence. These appointments are regarded as a rebuff to the Labour left wing, who expected one of their leaders to be appointed to the Cabinet.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Economy.

[To the Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

My dear,—I think poor Sir William was just too devastatingly right about our tottering on bankruptcy and all that.

At that dreadfully gloomy St. George's Ball you could see that our talpans were quite without visible means and their wives too utterly indigent. Why, several were simply no diamonds and I cut myself against a bone shirt stud.

Maud told me that if things go on like this she will take the veil and my dear, I'm sure she needs it for she's positively no back to her dress and that must have been total vagrancy because you know she's always said we must set a high standard of modesty in this alien land. And if you dine with simply any of the best people you find you're positively forced to eat peanuts instead of salted almonds and you go home agonizingly empty after a meagre seven courses.

And Tubby says that with everyone starving we simply must not have more than one car at this spring and, my dear, I don't see why we should be quite reduced to mendicity to feed those horrid bloated civil servants. Can't they be deported or something?—Your too crushingly taxed.

POPSY.

PROPERTY SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LOTS IN KOWLOON DISPOSED OF.

Three lots of Crown land were sold by public auction by Mr. L. Parker Rees, at the Crown Land Office yesterday afternoon, two of the properties, which were in Nathan Road, Kowloon, realising nearly \$70,000 each.

The first lot offered for sale was New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1445, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1401 in Fuk Wah Street, and comprises an area of about 13,860 square feet. The up-set price of \$17,325 was taken to \$18,200 when the lot was knocked down to Ip Tuen, of 147, Peiho Street.

Starting at \$45,850, the second lot was sold to Kwing Wah and Fan Shun, of 128 Cheung Sha Wan Road, for \$69,800 after some very brisk bidding. The lot is situated at the junction of Nathan Road and Boundary Street and is known as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2396, with an area of about 18,340 square feet.

The last lot realised the highest price, being sold for \$71,000 to C. Chau on behalf of Wong Tat-wing, of Messrs. Clarke & Lu.

Known as Kowloon Inland Lot No.

2397 this property is also situated at the junction of Nathan Road and Boundary Street with an area of about 19,800 square feet. The up-set price was \$45,500.

A SEVERE WINTER.

SNOWSTORMS IN SCOTLAND AND NORTH ENGLAND.

London, Feb. 2.

Severe snowstorms in Scotland and the north of England during the week-end caused traffic interference.

The heaviest snow for many years fell around Keswick in the Lake District. Severe gales were experienced round the coasts.—*British Wireless*.

GALLANT ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

THIRD OFFICER'S BATTLE WITH HIGH SEAS.

Although a strong north-east wind was causing heavy seas, Mr. R. T. Salmon, well-known third officer of the Jardine steamer Yuensang, dived overboard in a gallant attempt to save a Chinese member of the crew of a distressed fishing junk. He battled through the high waves and brought the man on board, but resuscitation methods were of no avail, and the Chinese was later buried at sea.

The incident is reported from Amoy by Capt. J. W. Pottigrew, master of the Yuensang, which was going from Hongkong to Amoy at the time. About 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, a waterlogged fishing junk was sighted in lat. 22.18 N. and long. 114.44 E., and with a strong north-east wind blowing and a rough sea running, was showing signs of distress.

The Yuensang manoeuvred to windward of the junk, and six of the crew of seven were rescued by being pulled aboard on lifebuoys which the steamer had thrown overboard, with lifelines attached.

The other Chinese, however,

drifted away in a lifebuoy, and with the seas breaking over him, was in a state of collapse, lying across the buoy with his head under the water. Seeing his predicament, Mr. Salmon stripped, and making a life-line fast around his waist, dived overboard. He reached the drowning man and both were pulled on board.

Dr. Sarker, the ship's surgeon, and other officers worked hard on the body with artificial respiration methods but without success, and the body was buried at sea. The six survivors were landed at Amoy.

RAILWAY PARLEY.

RATES EQUALITY REFUSED BY THE CHINESE.

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

After a series of meetings on the Japan and Manchuria transport parley, which is now in session here, it is reported practically to have reached a deadlock, owing to the firm stand of the delegates representing the Chinese Eastern Railway and the Ussuri Railway.

The Japanese delegates demand equalisation of freight rates on the southern and eastern sections of the Chinese Eastern system but the delegates of that railway and those of the Ussuri railway refuse to recognise the necessity for such action.

At to-day's meeting of the Japan and Manchuria transport conference the Japanese delegates submitted a compromise plan regarding freight rates but the C.E.R. and Ussuri railway delegates refused to consider it.

The chairman of the conference thereupon declared the meeting suspended and it is believed that no further attempt will be made to reach an agreement.—Reuter.

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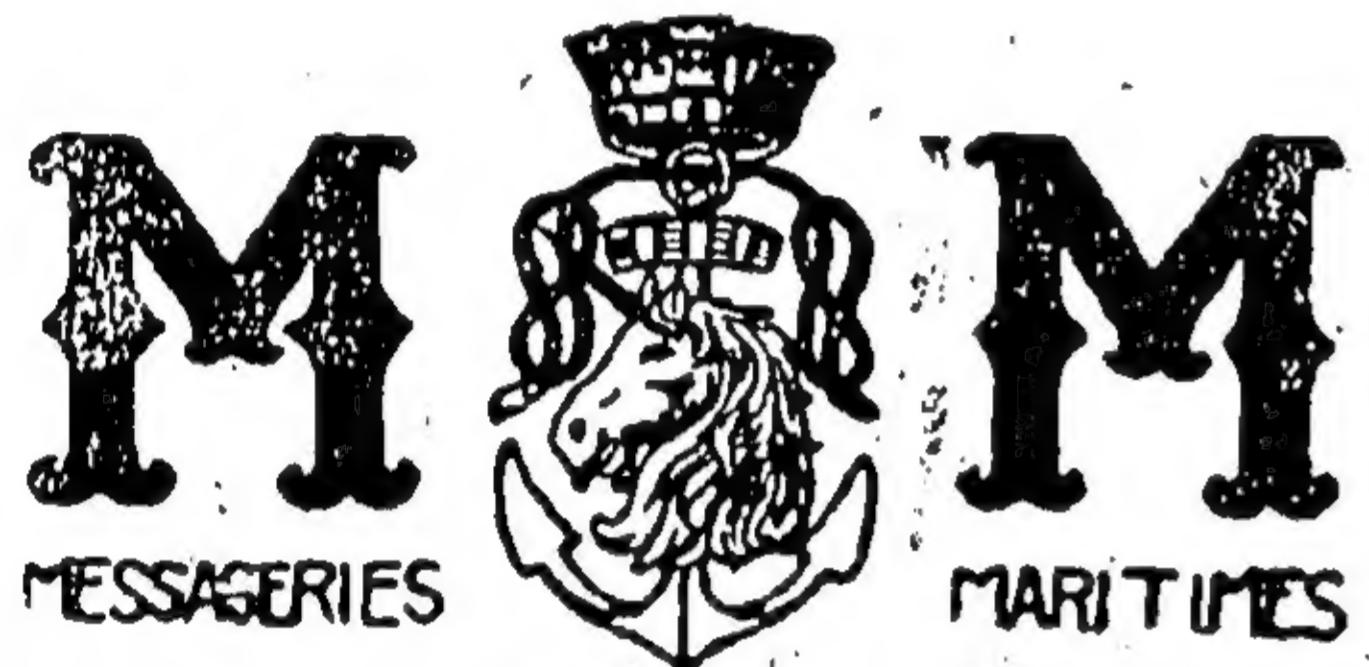
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ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the trial of Mrs. J. M. Xavier yesterday, Dr. I. Newson, of the Government Civil Hospital, described the three wounds sustained by Manton. He explained that two of the bullets entered the back near the shoulder blades while the other went through the flesh of the right arm. Two days after the patient's admission to Hospital a bullet was extracted from the back. None of the wounds were serious.

Witness intimated that the bullets which had caused the injuries had been spent bullets, but if they had had a good charge behind them they might have proved serious.

In reply to Mr. Hodgson, witness said that if fired from a distance of not more than three feet there must have been considerable variation of aim.

Mrs. C. M. Xavier wife of Mr. R. G. Xavier and sister of the accused, said that defendant visited her house shortly after ten o'clock on December 27. After they had exchanged words of greeting witness went to have a bath. She could not say where she had left her bunch of keys but on her return she found her sister had left and her keys in the wardrobe in which her husband's revolver was locked. Without opening the drawer she handed over to Mr. Goetz.

And you know who went up to get the clothing and bedding for her?—I do not know, but I have heard about it.

The Magistrate (interposing): Is that material?

TALKING PICTURES IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

EXPERIMENT COMMENCES IN MIDDLESEX.

London, Feb. 2.

The first planned attempt to determine the value of talking pictures as part of a British national system, began to-day in 15 schools under the Middlesex education authorities.

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possible to forecast the place that sound films will occupy in the educational field, and the value of this new method of imparting knowledge as compared with broadcasting and silent films already in use.—*British Wireless*.

excited?—She was very excited.

When you came back from taking Mr. Manton to Hospital you went up to the premises and inspected the place, did you examine the contents of any of the cupboards or drawers or anything of the sort?—I didn't.

You merely made a superficial examination of what was lying about the room?—That is so.

You know who supplied or sent certain amount of bedding and clothing to the accused, later on?—I knew things of the sort were handed over to Mr. Goetz.

And you know who went up to get the clothing and bedding for her?—I do not know, but I have heard about it.

The Magistrate (interposing): Is that material?

A Letter.

Mr. Hodgson: Mr. Goetz, in looking for the clothing, came across a letter which had been written by the accused. I am going to put in this letter in Court and I am going to ask Mr. Goetz to be called as a witness, because this letter, to my mind, is very important. I have shown it to Mr. Fitzroy, and to the Police, but because they had not seen it before, they refused to admit it into the case. Assuming that Mr. Goetz, coming forward, were to be found that letter in the drawer—assuming he did, if you, Inspector Murphy, had made an examination of the drawer, would you have found it?—Yes.

As far as you know, no other Police officer made any examination of any drawers or wardrobes?—As far as I know, no.

Sergeant J. E. Scott, Police Armoured at Police Headquarters, to whom the weapon was handed at 10 p.m. the same day, said it was an Ivor Johnson five-chambered .32 revolver, which to fire, would require a separate pull of the trigger for every bullet released. He affirmed that the .32 used and live cartridges shown to him by Inspector Murphy, all fitted the weapon.

In reply to the Magistrate, witness said the trigger had a normal pull.

A decomposition of powder carbon, left inside the barrel and on the face of the cylinder, explained witness, showed that the weapon had been recently fired—with in a period of twenty-four hours. The live rounds that he examined appeared to be old and deteriorated.

The Magistrate: You stand

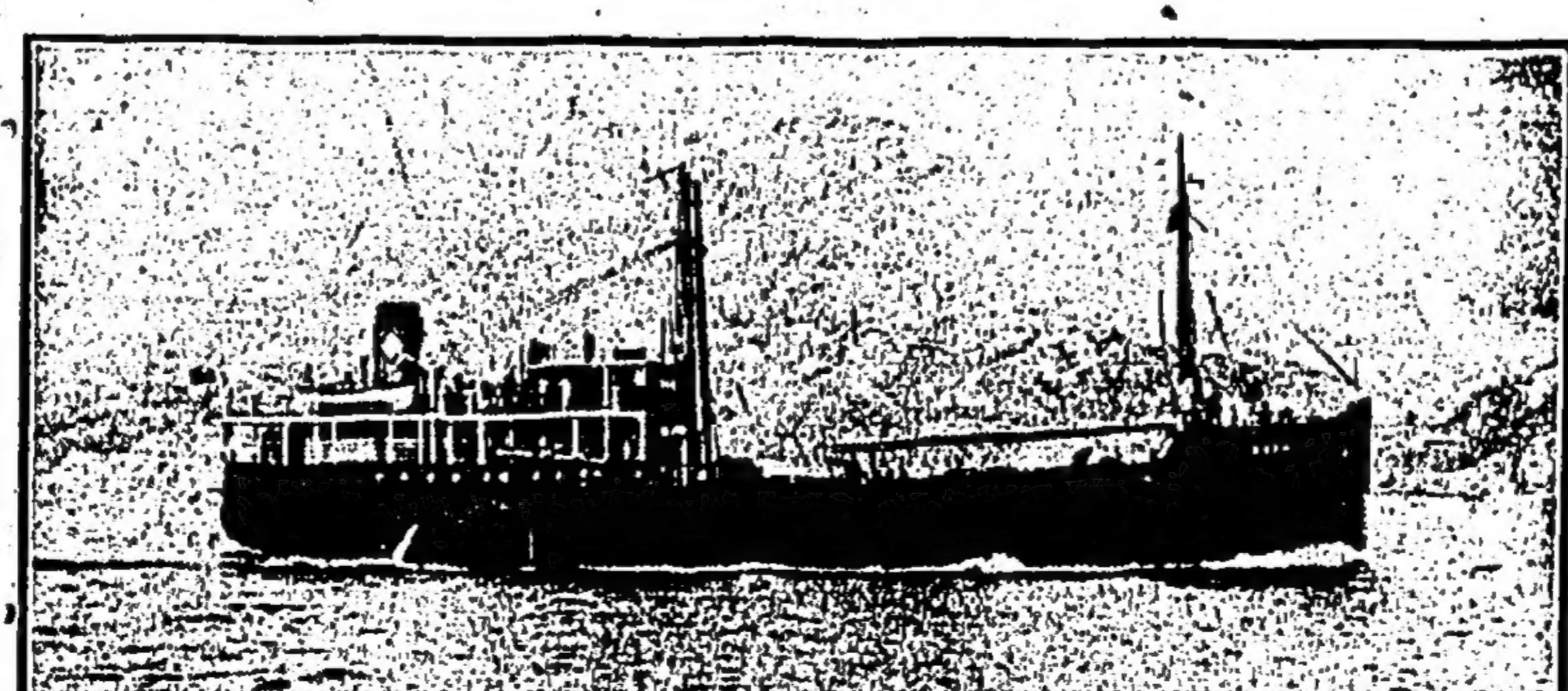
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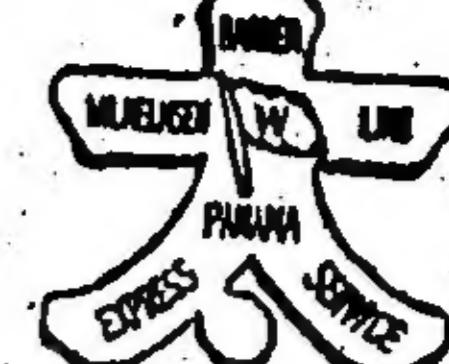
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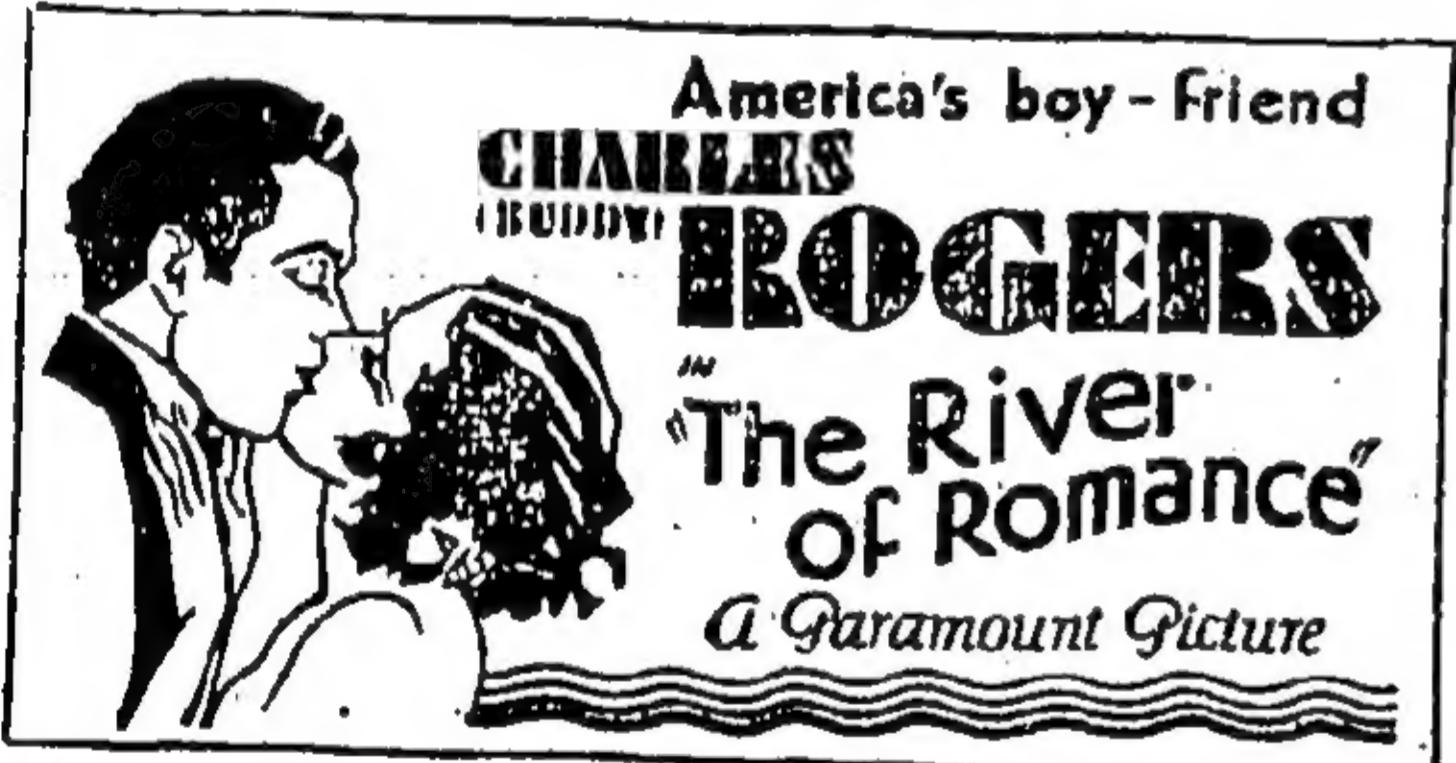
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STOCK EXCHANGE ANNIVERSARY.

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BEAR AND FORBEAR.

Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange were at home this morning, when a reception was held at Exchange Buildings to mark its 40th anniversary. Mr. G. C. Moxon proposed the health of the Exchange, with which he coupled the name of Mr. G. H. Potts, chairman of the Exchange, who replied:

Mr. Moxon's Speech.

Proposing "Success to the Hongkong Stock Exchange," Mr. Moxon, of Meers, Moxon and Taylor, said he wished them many years of health and prosperity. He was personally deeply sensible of the compliment paid to him, that on the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, he should be asked to propose the toast, and to couple with it the name of their old friend, Mr. George Potts.

When they considered the many ups and downs which were inseparable from such a business, they could be well proud of the manner in which they had controlled the business and had kept the flag flying, while their scope of activities was far wider than of yore. He thought there was something in the rough and tumble of the share market which called for camaraderie, and made for a spirit of forbearance and forbearance, generosity and open-handedness.

Of the original members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, only three individuals were still alive. The first, and easily first, was Mr. George Potts, their Chairman to-day. He was a marvellous record and a marvellous personality. The second was Mr. J. R. Michael, whom he met in London a short while ago, and who was apparently still hale and hearty. Thirdly, there was Mr. S. Coxon.

Life and experience must inevitably teach them what they should have done and left undone. He thought that if they modelled their laws and conduct of affairs on the lines of the London Stock Exchange they would probably survive a very long time, for in his opinion the London Stock Exchange was run on the soundest and most practical lines of any exchange in the world.

He wished them many years of prosperity, and he trusted they would complete the century and "carry their bats" with dignity and success alike to themselves and those who supported them.

Mr. Potts on Brokers.

Mr. Potts thanked those present for their wishes, and declared that he was one of the three remaining original members, thanks to a bit of luck. Both his confidantes, Messrs. Coxon and Michael, were in London now, and he was sorry that they were not present.

Mr. Potts, mentioned Mr. J. Gould, a member of the Committee, who he said had joined the Exchange in the early nineties. He and Mr. Gould had seen the financial progress of the Colony, and could recall the time when the number of banks could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and also when the total market value of investments was only a tenth of the corresponding investments at the present time. It was phenomenal expansion, for a small Colony like Hongkong.

Mr. Moxon had spoken of forbearance and forbearance, said Mr. Potts, but brokers had to be possessed not only of these qualities in an ample measure but also should have a philosophical temperament. In any catastrophe, the wretched broker was always to blame. Apparently, he said, there were some investors who thought that brokers must know beforehand how the stock market was going to act. Mr. Potts assured the gathering that they did not possess any such knowledge. "If we did," he remarked, amidst laughter, "we would have retired years ago."

Mr. Potts closed a bright speech by paying a tribute to the late Sir Paul Chater for his foresight in reclamation work, and also related an amusing anecdote of Sir Hormusji Mody.

Revenue Officer Humphreys, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged a Chinese named Chan Tai, with possession of 38 taels of raw opium in Canton Road yesterday. The officer stated that the defendant was stopped coming out of Soi Street. The opium was found concealed in his waist. A fine of \$1,148, or six months' imprisonment, was imposed. The same officer charged Chan Sui-lo with possession of seven mace of prepared and 0.5 mace of raw opium on the second floor of 620, Canton Road. A fine of \$195, or seven weeks' imprisonment and \$56 or three weeks' were imposed on the respective charges.

POLICE NET SLIPPED.

CHINESE LEADER OF DRUG RING.

NEWARK RAID.

Newark, N.J. Feb. 2.
A spectacular attempt by the Newark police to capture the leader of a Chinese drug ring failed to-day, their quarry slipping through their net.

One hundred and sixty-three Chinese were rounded up during the campaign, which took the form of early morning raids on opium dens in Newark's Chinatown. Sixteen were simultaneously visited, five thousand dollars worth of drugs were seized and the dens were smashed up.

The police had received information that the leader of the ring had just arrived from San Francisco and the raids were an attempt to effect his capture. He was not caught, however.—*Reuters' American Service*.

Geneva, Feb. 2.

A slashing attack on a system that permits the prosperity of a great country to be sacrificed to the interests of a few manufacturers," was made by Mr. Lynn, the chairman of the Permanent Opium Board, addressing the Opium Committee to-day.

Mr. Lynn cited figures of the opium imported into China from Europe, including six tons of morphine, and declared that while the illicit traffic continued upon its present scale, China was not unreasonable in her distrust of the attitude of the intentions of the manufacturing countries.

The committee unanimously adopted a recommendation affirming the desirability of withdrawing the licences of firms implicated in the illicit traffic in drugs.—*Reuters*.

PRESTON GO DOWN AT STOKE.

POTTERS SQUARE ACCOUNTS AT HOME.

London, Feb. 2.

At Stoke to-day in a Second League match the City defeated Preston North End by three goals to one; the match was postponed on Saturday on account of snow.—*Reuters*.

The amended table follows:

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Y.M.C.A. LADIES' NIGHT.

THREE PLAYS TO BE STAGED.

A feature of the Ladies' Night at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, will be the presentation of three plays by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players.

The first of these plays will be the one-act comedy, "The Cumberland Triangle," by A. A. Milne, in which the characters will be taken by Kathleen P. Curtin, G. Sims, and T. J. Price.

"In Port," a drama, will also be staged, the parts being taken by W. Robertson, S. M. West and J. Ferguson.

Arnold Bennett's one-act farce, "The Stepmother," will also be produced, the characters being Margaret Birt, E. R. Price, G. F. Reed and Wendy Orme.

The plays are being produced by W. Robertson, the staging and effects by J. C. Greham, whilst Nancy A. McNeille will be at the piano.

Besides the plays, songs will be rendered by Mrs. Rendall, Mr. G. W. McLeod and Mrs. G. W. McLeod.

SZECHUAN PEACE MOVE.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.
The tension in Szechuan, where rival armies are at war and are threatening an invasion of Shensi Province, is engrossing the attention of the Nanking Government, which is considering the sending of Mr. Chang Chun, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, to Changtu, in Szechuan, to bring about an early peace.

AIRSHIP LINES TO ORIENT.

HONGKONG TO AMERICA IN
A FEW DAYS.

HOPES FOR FUTURE.

Washington, Jan. 28.
An era of transportation in which speeding lighter-than-air ships will take the leading role away from existing carriers was forecast before the house Interstate commerce committee to-day.

Numerous witnesses endorsed the pending Parker Bill which would establish insurance liabilities for airships and permit the postmaster general to grant beneficial air mail contracts for transportation to foreign countries.

Paul Littlefield, president of the Goodyear Zeppelin Corporation, described the hopes of his company and of the International Zeppelin Transport Corporation.

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Littlefield expects the airships to be cut in half the sailing time between America and Europe and to shorten still more the time required to cross the Pacific.

"With ships, as proposed, twice the size of the Graf Zeppelin, and having a cruising speed of 75 miles an hour, Tokyo, Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila would be brought as close to the American coast as London, Paris or Berlin are now by steamer, and the time between the United States and Europe could be cut in two," he stated.

LEGAL BATTLE OF LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

held a meeting themselves on July 8, 1930, notices being published in the Press, and sent to shareholders and the directors.

At that meeting, Mr. Li Yu-tong, a shareholder, but not a requisitionist, was elected to the chair. There was a great deal of heated discussion, the heat being mainly engendered by the one thing the chairman would not do—put the resolutions which were on the requisition for which purpose the meeting had been convened. During the whole course of that meeting, while it was under the chairmanship of Mr. Li, not one of the resolutions was put.

Stormy Meeting.

The meeting, which was a stormy one, discussed the question of chartering the ships and the possibility of paying a dividend, and after two hours Mr. Li left the chair, saying, in effect, that he was unable to control the meeting, and suggesting that they should elect another chairman. The other side would say that Mr. Li declared the meeting closed, but no chairman had the power to close, dissolve or adjourn the meeting until the resolutions had been dealt with.

After Mr. Li Yu-tong left the room, accompanied by his supporters, those who remained elected another chairman and proceeded to consider the resolutions. Mr. Potter submitted that they were entitled to proceed with the meeting, the chairman having left before the business was completed. The other side referred to it as a second meeting of which no proper notice was given, but there was no second meeting. It was a continuation of the first meeting after Mr. Li had left the chair.

The case is proceeding.

COMMUNIST ARMY ACTIVE.

ATTACKS ON HUMAN FORCES.

Changsha, Feb. 2.
The Communist Army under General Li Ming-shui, ex-Kwangsi Divisional Commander, who plundered Lien Hsin in Northern Kwangtung last week, has opened hostilities with the Human Government forces at Ichang, on the Human frontier near Kwangtung. Ichang should not be confused with the other Chinese city by the same name which is situated on the Yangtze.

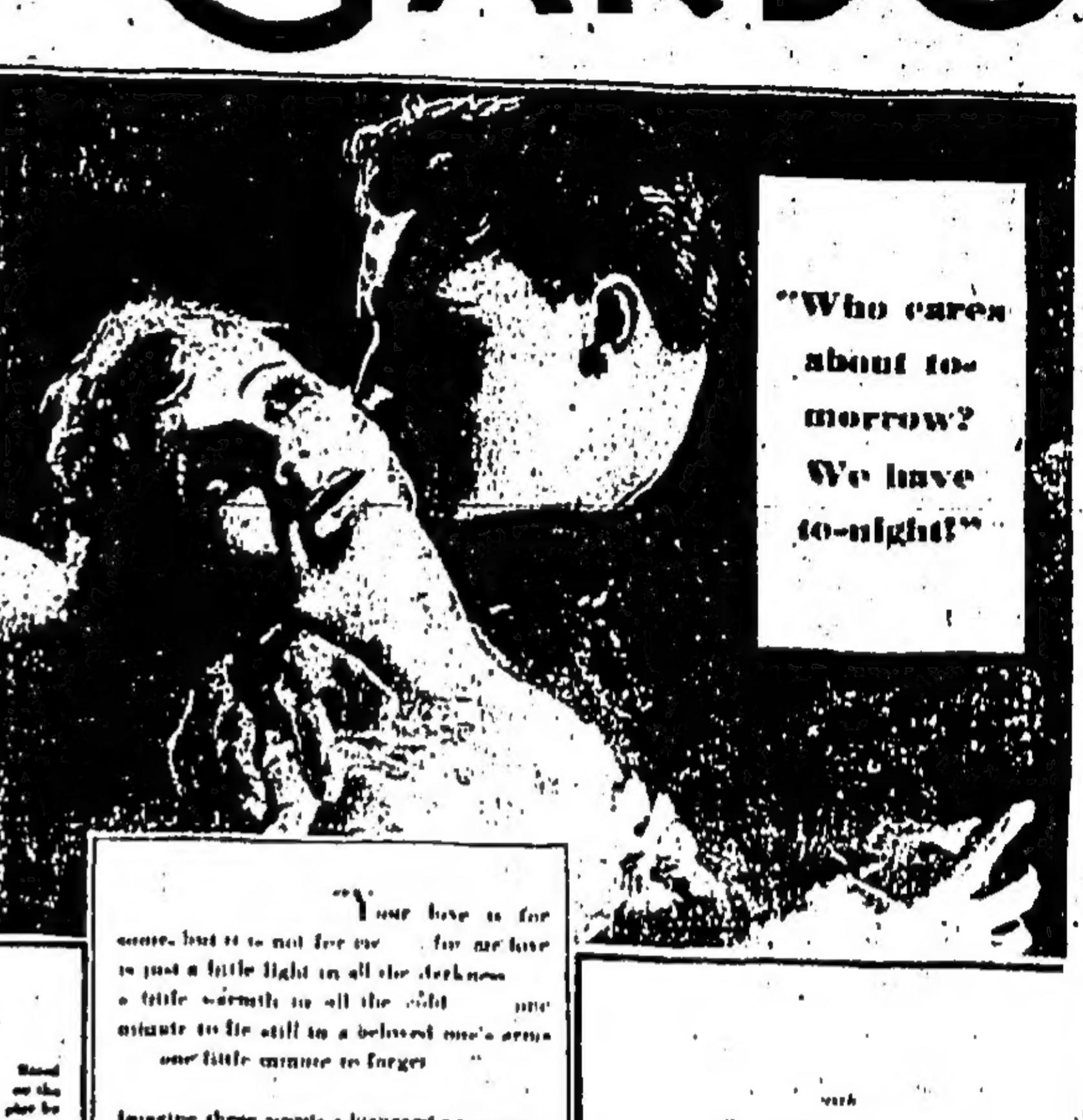
Reinforcements have been despatched from Changsha to assist the Government forces.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.
Some 10,000 Kwangtung troops of the 60th and 61st Nationalist Divisions, now engaged in anti-Communist work in Central Kiangsi, have been ordered by Nanking to return immediately to Kwangtung. They are to concentrate at Hankow where two Chinese steamers will take them to Canton. A large contingent of Cantonese soldiers is expected to pass through here to-morrow en route to Hankow. It is believed that the orders are in connexion with bandit disturbances in Northern Kwangtung, which has been invaded by General Li Ming-shui's Communist Army.

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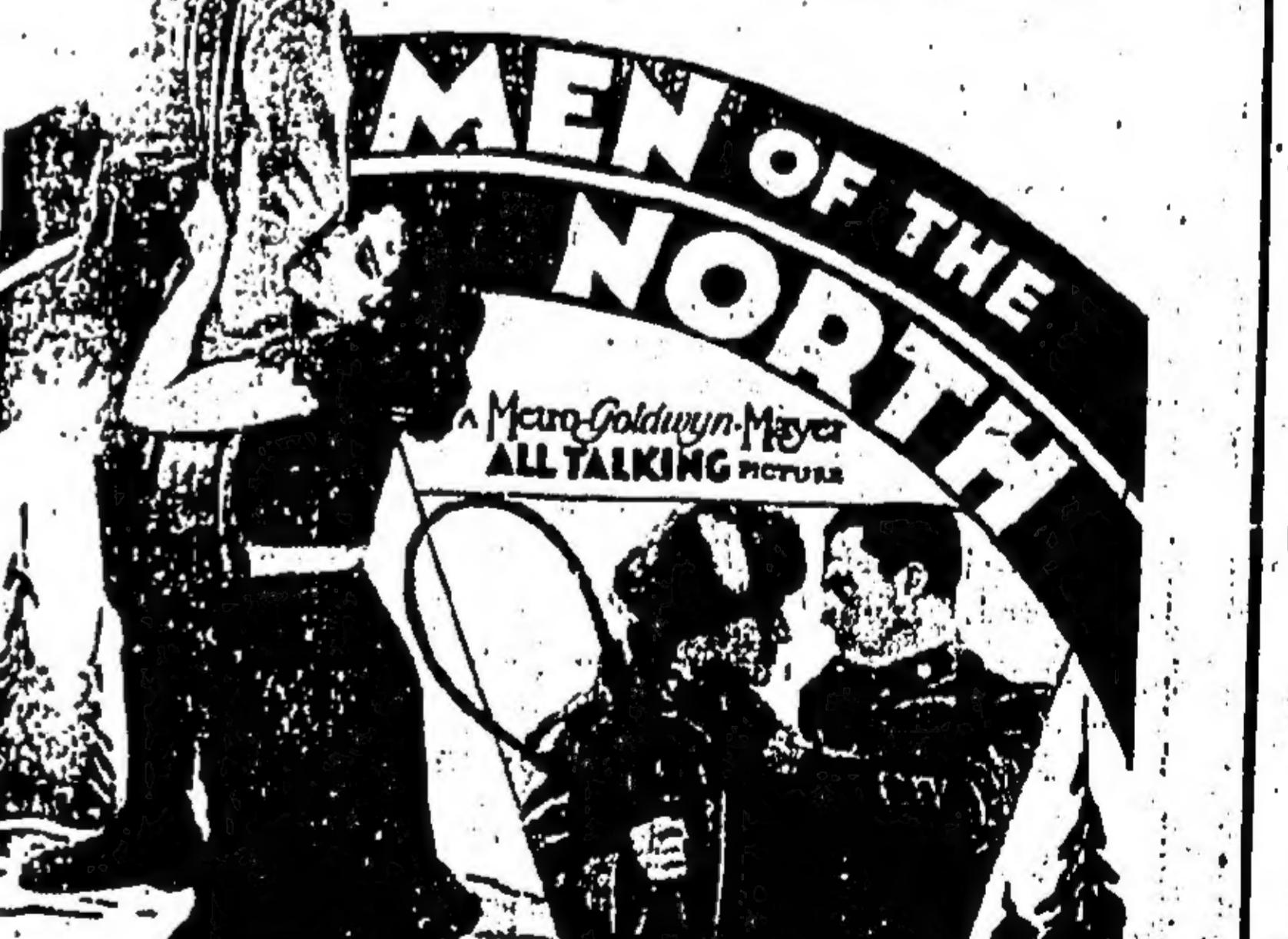
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